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ABSTRACT

This directory contains 111 reviews of computer software programs suitable for use in adult basic education, general educational development, and English as a second language (ESL) programs. Each one-page review contains the following information: program title, version, producer, cost, hardware requirements, typical run time, back-up disk, appropriate uses, specific subject/skill area, instructional mode, description, and rating of program quality, recommendation, and comments. Programs were reviewed by one to three reviewers. Curriculum areas covered by the software reviews are computer literacy, ESL, language arts, life skills, mathematics, reading, science, and social studies. A section of programs for the teacher is also reviewed. The final section of the guide contains a list of the most useful programs for adult education. (KC)

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SOFTWARE REVIEWS FOR ADULT EDUCATION

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FOREWORD

The Massachusetts Department of Education, Bureau of Student, Community, and Adult Services has, over a three year period beginning in 1983, undertaken a series of projects that had as a goal the integration of computers in the learning process at adult education centers throughout the state. As in other educational sectors, such integration called for resource and information gathering, hardware and software requisition, staff training, development of implementation strategies, and follow-up procedures.

The initial task of the adult educators involved in the project was to explore the potential for computer use with their special populations. State-funded mini-grants supplied hardware and software to centers whose personnel were selected as potential participants in training programs. Through the joint efforts of the Massachusetts State Department of Education and the Merrimack Education Center in Chelmsford, Massachusetts, a series of five-day software applications institutes were organized. Three such institutes provided intensive training for approximately fifty adult educators statewide. Early efforts explored a variety of promising computer applications practiced in public school systems. The unique perspective of the institute experience attempted to distill out those applications appropriate for adult learners in ABE, GED, and ESL programs.

Criteria for software selection were carefully developed in areas of technical and instructional characteristics with additional emphasis on propriety of content for the adult learner. A software evaluation form was devised through an arduous group effort. This special form, displayed on the page following this one, has been met with widespread approval by adult educators throughout New England. Its use for purposes of disseminating information has been generally limited to training participants who have been sensitized to criteria for selecting promising software. This informally certified group has become known as the Massachusetts Adult Software Specialists (M.A.S.S.) and their efforts at evaluating software provide the substance for this resource. As two or more evaluations on single software items were submitted, a summary form was utilized to combine the general results of those evaluations, and these summary forms comprise the body of this publication.

The summary forms are simple and clear and could be quite useful to any adult educator who wishes to efficiently explore a number of reviews on potentially useful software products. However, as with any evaluative resource, a set of warnings should be carefully noted. It must be emphasized that the information contained in the evaluation has a degree of subjectivity that should be considered. Also evaluations are submitted with a specific target population in mind and should be examined in light of this perspective. Finally, the evaluations reflect a conglomerate of individual experiences and should not in any case be viewed as either a group endorsement or condemnation of any given product. That is, the content of the review forms is not intended to reflect the opinion of the Merrimack Education Center nor any branch of the State Department of Education as to the quality of the products reviewed.

This resource is offered as a guide to adult educators and its greatest utility may be in suggesting which software might be looked at more closely for fulfilling a specific need. To eliminate a product from potential use based upon this resource would be contrary to the intention of the resource staff. The M.A.S.S. group has expanded and continues to produce additional software evaluations. Accordingly, this resource is expected to grow, providing additional insight on products described within as well as on additional items that may address the needs of adult learners.

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SOFTWARE EVALUATION FORM

MATERIALS APPROPRIATE FOR ADULT LEARNERS

PROGRAM TITLE:________________ Software Producer:____________ Version:____

Hardware Requirements:____

Cost, if known:________________ Includes Back-Up Disk:____________

Comment on Typical Runtime:____

INSTRUCTIONAL PURPOSES AND TECHNIQUES (check all that apply)

Appropriate Uses:

___ABE (0-4); ___Pre-GED (5-8); ___GED(9-12); ____ESL; ___Pre-Voc.

Specific Subject/Skill Area_____________________________________

- ___Basic Skill Remediation
- ___Skill/Knowledge Development
- ___Enrichment
- ___Learning Tool
- ___Administrative/Teacher Tool
- ___Drill and Practice
- ___Tutorial
- ___Game or Simulation
- ___Diagnostic/Prescriptive
- Other__________________

INSTRUCTIONAL CHARACTERISTICS	Yes	No
Learning objectives are clear and worthwhile for adult learners.	___	___
Typical runtime is commensurate to educational value.	___	___
Tone of address is acceptable to adults.	___	___
Format is challenging, not frustrating.	___	___
Feedback is appropriate, useful, and timely.	___	___

CONTENT CHARACTERISTICS	Yes	No
Content is error-free and factually correct.	___	___
Difficulty level may be adjusted.	___	___
Presentation is logical and well-organized.	___	___
Vocabulary, concepts, and examples are relevant to adults.	___	___
Content can be changed or added by instructor.	___	___
Content avoids ethnic, racial, or sexual discrimination and stereotyping.	___	___

TECHNICAL CHARACTERISTICS	Yes	No
Documentation is concise, readable, and adequate.	___	___
Screen directions are concise, readable, and adequate.	___	___
Adult learners can operate program independently.	___	___
Program may be entered and exited with ease.	___	___
Program is user friendly and apparently error free.	___	___
Screens and/or text is readable and uncluttered.	___	___
Sound and graphics enhance the program; are not demeaning.	___	___
Rate and sequence of program operation can be controlled.	___	___

Management/Record keeping system: ___None; ___Optional; ___Required for program operation

PROGRAM QUALITY SUMMARY

4 (high) to 1 (low)

___Instructional Characteristics

___Content Characteristics

___Technical Characteristics

RECOMMENDATIONS

___I highly recommend this program for use with adult learners.

___I would use this program, but with some reservations or changes.

___I would neither use nor recommend this program for adult learners.

Comments: (Strengths, weaknesses, suggested uses, training requirements, etc.)

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Evaluator's Name: ____________________ Date: ____________________

Position: ____

Organization: ____

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ADULT EDUCATION SOFTWARE EVALUATIONS

COMPUTER LITERACY

Apple II Plus Tutorial
Computer Concepts
Understanding Computers

ESL

Alligator Game Series for English Usage
Bank Street Writer
Basic English Skills - Sentences Disk 2
Building Better Sentences
Cloze Plus Program
Dasher
Elementary Math - Volume 3
Essential Idioms in English
The Factory
Grammar Mastery
Homonyms in Context
Life Coping Skills: Forming Positive Behavior
Magic Spells
Master Spell
Math Sequences
Missing Links: English Editor
Missing Links: Young People's Literature
Money! Money!
Readability Formulas
Scripsit
Spelling - Volume 1
Teacher Utilities: Vol. 1
    Review & Review Load
Teaching Tools: Spelling Package
Teasers by Tobbs
U.S. Constitution Tutor
Verbs I
Visicalc
Who, What, Where, When, Why
Word Attack
Wordwright

LANGUAGE ARTS

- Alligator Game Series for English Usage
- Bank Street Writer
- Basic English Skills - Parts of Speech
- Basic English Skills - Sentences - Disk 1
- Basic English Skills - Sentences - Disk 2
- Building Better Sentences
- Capitalization
- Grammar Mastery
- Homonyms in Context
- Long Vowels
- Magic Spells
- Master Spell
- P.F.S. Write
- SAT - English I
- Sentence Combining
- Short Vowels
- Spelling Demons
- Spelling - Volume I
- Spelling - Volume II
- Spell It
- Verbs I
- Vocabulary Skills (Context Clues)
- Who, What, Where, When, Why
- Wizard of Words
- Wordwright
- Writing Skills

LIFE SKILLS

- Career Directions
- Daily Living Skills: Banking and Credit
- Life Coping Skills: Building Relationships
- Life Coping Skills: Forming Positive Behavior
- Life Coping Skills: Increasing Self Esteem
- Money! Money!

MATH

- Adding Fractions
- The Arithmetic Classroom - Decimals
- The Arithmetic Classroom - Division
- The Arithmetic Classroom - Fractions: Addition & Subtraction
- The Arithmetic Classroom - Fractions: Basic Concepts
- The Arithmetic Classroom - Fractions: Multiplication & Division

MATH cont'd

Building Basic Math Skills
Discover What Graphs Can Tell You
Dividing Fractions
Elementary Math Volume 3
Math Sequences
Math Sequences: Equations
The Factory
Fraction Factory
Mathematics Activities Courseware
Math Sequences
Math Sequences: Equations
Multiplying Fractions
The Pond
Sem Calc
Subtracting Mixed Fractions
Survival Math
Teasers by Tobbs

READING

Cloze Plus Program
Comprehension Power
The Iron Horse
Missing Links: English Editor
Missing Links: Young People's Edition
Programming Phonics: Series K - 3
    Beginning Consonants
Reading and Thinking
Speed Reader II
Tutorial Comprehension
Vowels
Word Attack

SCIENCE

Systems of the Human Body

SOCIAL STUDIES

Meet the Presidents
President Elect
U.S. Constitution Tutor

UTILITIES

- Dasher
- Mastertype
- Readability Formulas
- Scripsit
- Teacher Utilities: Volume 1
  - Review & Review Load
- Teaching Tools: Spelling Package
- Visicalc
- Worksheet Wizard

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Apple II Plus Tutorial VERSION: ______

PRODUCER: Computer Resources Incorporated COST: ______ BACK-UP DISK? ______

REQUIREMENTS: Apple II/IIe TYPICAL RUNTIME: ______

APPROPRIATE USES: x ABE (0-4); x PRE-GED (5-8);

x GED (9-12); ____ ESL; ____ PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Computer Literacy/Apple II

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Tool

DESCRIPTION: A step-by-step approach that teaches the student to run an Apple II.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	3				
Content Characteristics	3				
Technical Characteristics	3				

RECOMMENDATION:

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Highly Recommend	X				
Use with reservations/changes					
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: Program helps students to gain familiarity with the operation of an Apple II. Program is well-organized and helpful.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Computer Concepts VERSION: ______

PRODUCER: Continuous Learning Corporation COST: $180.00 BACK-UP DISK? Yes

REQUIREMENTS: Apple; Printer Optional TYPICAL RUNTIME: 15 min/lesson 45 lessons

APPROPRIATE USES: ____ ABE (0-4); x PRE-GED (5-8);

x GED (9-12); ____ ESL; x PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Computer Literacy/Knowledge Development

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Tutorial

DESCRIPTION: Introduces learners to keyboarding, databases, and word processing. Computer capabilities are explored. Common terminology presented and reinforced.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 3 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	4	3	4		
Content Characteristics	3	3	3		
Technical Characteristics	3	3	3		

RECOMMENDATION:

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Highly Recommend	X	X	X		
Use with reservations/changes					
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: Highly interactive program deals with important computer related concepts in a non-threatening fashion. Use of computers and optional printer capability provide more appropriate vehicle to learning about technology than a text.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Understanding Computers VERSION: ______

PRODUCER: Britannica COST: $239.00 BACK-UP DISK? $40

REQUIREMENTS: Apple, TRS-80 TYPICAL RUNTIME: 10-20 min/ses 30 sessions

APPROPRIATE USES: ____ ABE (0-4); ____ PRE-GED (5-8);

x GED (9-12); ____ ESL; x PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Computer Literacy/Skill & Knowledge Development

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Tool, Simulation

DESCRIPTION: Program consists of pre- & post-tests, lessons and reinforcing exercises. May be self-paced.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 2 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Reviewer

	1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	4	4			
Content Characteristics	4	3			
Technical Characteristics	3	3			

RECOMMENDATION:

Reviewer

	1	2	3		
Highly Recommend	X	X			
Use with reservations/changes					
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: A sound introduction to the uses and capabilities of computers. A challenging program that works with or without associated documentation.

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ESL

SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Alligator Game Series for English Usage **VERSION:**

PRODUCER: Educational Activities **COST:** $59.95 **BACK-UP DISK?** Yes

REQUIREMENTS: Apple, TRS-80 **TYPICAL RUNTIME:** 20 min/ses 2 hour total

APPROPRIATE USES: X ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8); X GED (9-12); X ESL; ____ PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Language Arts/Basic Skill Remediation

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice, Tutorial, Simulation

DESCRIPTION: Object of the game is to answer questions correctly & reach the top of the Pyramid. Incorrect answers send you down towards a waiting alligator.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 2 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

	Reviewer				
	1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	2	4			
Content Characteristics	2	4			
Technical Characteristics	2	4			

RECOMMENDATION:

	Reviewer				
	1	2	3		
Highly Recommend		X			
Use with reservations/changes	X				
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: The strength of the program lies in its development of skills in noun/pronoun usage, pronoun/verb agreement, preposition usage, adjective/adverb usage, verbs & verb forms. Program is highly motivational. Graphics are somewhat time-consuming. Response to incorrect answers could be improved.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Bank Street Writer VERSION: ______

PRODUCER: Scholastic COST: $69.95 BACK-UP DISK? Yes

REQUIREMENTS: Apple, Atari Commodore 64, IBM-PC TYPICAL RUNTIME: ______

APPROPRIATE USES: X ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);

X GED (9-12); X ESL; X PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Language Arts/Composition & Word Processing

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Tool

DESCRIPTION: A word processor that may be utilized in a writing program.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 2 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Reviewer	1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	N/A	N/A			
Content Characteristics	N/A	N/A			
Technical Characteristics	4	4			

RECOMMENDATION:

Reviewer	1	2	3		
Highly Recommend	X	X			
Use with reservations/changes					
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: An appropriate word processor for new users. A tutorial is available on the second side of the disk. The expanded version ($125) gives a choice of 40 or 80 column display.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Basic English Skills - Sentences, Disk 2 VERSION: ____

PRODUCER: Britannica COST: $49.00 BACK-UP DISK? $10

REQUIREMENTS: Apple IIc, IIe TYPICAL RUNTIME: 20 - 30 minutes

APPROPRIATE USES: ____ ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);

____ GED (9-12); X ESL; ____ PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Language Arts/Basic Skill Remediation

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice, Tutorial

DESCRIPTION: Identification of predicate nouns, simple and complete predicates, complete sentences and fragments.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 2 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	4	4			
Content Characteristics	3	3			
Technical Characteristics	4	4			

RECOMMENDATION:

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Highly Recommend	X	X			
Use with reservations/changes					
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: Strengths of the program are the clear directions, appropriate feedback, use of highlighting, and available worksheets. The program would be improved if grammar tutorial sections preceded the practice sections.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Building Better Sentences VERSION: ____

PRODUCER: Milton Bradley COST: $49.95 BACK-UP DISK? ____

REQUIREMENTS: Apple TYPICAL RUNTIME: 15 - 20 min/session 1½ - 2 hrs total

APPROPRIATE USES: ____ ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);
X GED (9-12); X ESL; ____ PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Language Arts/Skill/Knowledge Development

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice, Tutorial, Tool

DESCRIPTION: Program teaches student to recognize sentence parts & to combine them to make more effective and interesting grammatical structures.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	4				
Content Characteristics	4				
Technical Characteristics	4				

RECOMMENDATION:

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Highly Recommend	X				
Use with reservations/changes					
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: An easy to use, sound basic grammar lesson. The program might be improved with more examples. The cumulative test allows student to gain points for the game, Alien Raiders.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Cloze Plus Program VERSION: ______

PRODUCER: Milliken COST: $425.00 BACK-UP DISK? $210

REQUIREMENTS: Apple TYPICAL RUNTIME: As needed

APPROPRIATE USES: X ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);
X GED (9-12); X ESL; ____ PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Reading

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice

DESCRIPTION: Program develops comprehension and vocabulary skills.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 4 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Reviewer	1	2	3	4	
Instructional Characteristics	4	4	2	4	
Content Characteristics	4	4	3	4	
Technical Characteristics	3	4	3	4	

RECOMMENDATION:

Reviewer	1	2	3	4	
Highly Recommend	X	X		X	
Use with reservations/changes			X		
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: The ability of users to ask for clues is one of the positive features of the program. The graphics are not really needed and may detract from the program. Content is generally interesting and adult appropriate.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Dasher VERSION:

PRODUCER: Conduit COST: $150.00 BACK-UP DISK? Yes

REQUIREMENTS: Apple II+, IIe TYPICAL RUNTIME:

APPROPRIATE USES: x ABE (0-4); ___ PRE-GED (5-8);

___ GED (9-12); x ESL; ___ PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Utilities, Language Arts

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice, Tool

DESCRIPTION: 4 Diskettes (English, Spanish, French, German) with special characters for each language. Authoring program for creating drill & practice exercises.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	4				
Content Characteristics	4				
Technical Characteristics	4				

RECOMMENDATION:

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Highly Recommend	X				
Use with reservations/changes					
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: Program allows teacher to readily create content appropriate for adult learners. Its' biggest strength is a unique error-checking system which checks responses letter-by-letter, forcing user to retype misspelled letters. Very useful for grammar practice for foreign language study.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Elementary Math - Volume 3 VERSION: ______

PRODUCER: MECC COST: $45.00 BACK-UP DISK? Yes

REQUIREMENTS: Apple IIc, IIe TYPICAL RUNTIME: 15 min/session

APPROPRIATE USES: ____ ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);

X GED (9-12); X ESL; X PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Math/ Basic Skill Remediation

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice, Tutorial

DESCRIPTION: Analysis of basic geometrical figures

SUMMARY

Based Upon 3 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	4	4	4		
Content Characteristics	4	4	3		
Technical Characteristics	2	3	4		

RECOMMENDATION:

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Highly Recommend	X		X		
Use with reservations/changes		X			
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: Graphics are used appropriately to reinforce geometric concepts of area and perimeter.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Essential Idioms in English VERSION: ______

PRODUCER: Regents/ALA COST: $39.95/disk $99.95/set BACK-UP DISK? $19.95

REQUIREMENTS: Apple TYPICAL RUNTIME: 20 - 30 min/lesson 13 lessons

APPROPRIATE USES: ____ ABE (0-4); ____ PRE-GED (5-8);

____ GED (9-12); X ESL; ____ PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Language Arts/Idiomatic Words & Phrases

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice, Tutorial

DESCRIPTION: A sequence of exercises introduces idioms. Student proceeds with multiple choice and fill-in exercises.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	4				
Content Characteristics	4				
Technical Characteristics	4				

RECOMMENDATION:

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Highly Recommend	X				
Use with reservations/changes					
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: Program contains a wide selection of commonly used idioms that are initially introduced in a sequence of exercises. Student must be an intermediate ESL student and be able to read on a second grade level.

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ESL

SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: The Factory VERSION: ______

PRODUCER: Sunburst COST: $55.00 BACK-UP DISK? Yes

REQUIREMENTS: Acorn, Apple, Commodore, Atari, IBM-PC, TRS-80 TYPICAL RUNTIME: 15 min/session

APPROPRIATE USES: ___ ABE (0-4); ___ PRE-GED (5-8);

X GED (9-12); X ESL; ___ PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Math/Problem Solving

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Simulation

DESCRIPTION: Program simulates a factory and student is required to use eight machine operations to create a geometric shape.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 2 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	4	4			
Content Characteristics	4	3			
Technical Characteristics	3	4			

RECOMMENDATION:

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Highly Recommend	X	X			
Use with reservations/changes					
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: An excellent program for developing sequencing skills and visual reading.

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MASSACHUSETTS ADULT SOFTWARE SPECIALISTS

SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Grammar Mastery

VERSION: Series A

PRODUCER: Regents/ALA

COST: $39.95/disk
$195.00/series

BACK-UP DISK? $ 19.95 $280.00

REQUIREMENTS: Apple

TYPICAL RUNTIME: 20 min/ses

APPROPRIATE USES: X ABE (0-4); ___ PRE-GED (5-8); ___ GED (9-12); X ESL; ___ PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Language Arts

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice, Tutorial

DESCRIPTION: Basics of English grammar covering verbs, nouns, pronouns, prepositions, adjectives and adverbs.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 3 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	4	3	4		
Content Characteristics	3	3	3		
Technical Characteristics	1	2	3		

RECOMMENDATION:

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Highly Recommend					
Use with reservations/changes	X	X	X		
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: Program would be an appropriate reinforcement to classroom work. Prior teacher instruction is needed for students to work successfully with the program.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Homonyms in Context VERSION: ____

PRODUCER: Random House COST: $59.95 BACK-UP DISK? $10

REQUIREMENTS: Apple IIe TYPICAL RUNTIME: 30 - 40 minutes

APPROPRIATE USES: X ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);
____ GED (9-12); X ESL; ____ PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Language Arts

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill & Practice/Simulation

DESCRIPTION: Recognition and use of homonyms through both drill and game format.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 2 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Reviewer	1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	3	4			
Content Characteristics	3	4			
Technical Characteristics	3	3			

RECOMMENDATION:

Reviewer	1	2	3		
Highly Recommend	X	X			
Use with reservations/changes					
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: Program can be used independently and provides appropriate reinforcement for the student with immediate feedback. The game is not necessary for the program.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Life Coping Skills: Forming Positive Behavior VERSION:

PRODUCER: Control Data COST: $295.00 BACK-UP DISK? Yes

REQUIREMENTS: Apple II+, IIe TYPICAL RUNTIME: 30 minutes

APPROPRIATE USES: ____ ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);

X GED (9-12); X ESL; X PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Life Skills/Skill/Knowledge Development

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Simulation, Tutorial

DESCRIPTION: One of a series of courses providing students with tools for self-improvement and life management skills.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	4				
Content Characteristics	3				
Technical Characteristics	3				

RECOMMENDATION:

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Highly Recommend	X				
Use with reservations/changes					
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: May be used independently by adult learners. Screens sometimes contain an excess of text.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Magic Spells VERSION:

PRODUCER: Learning Company COST: $34.95 BACK-UP DISK? $10

REQUIREMENTS: Apple, IBM-PC Commodore TYPICAL RUNTIME: 15 minutes

APPROPRIATE USES: X ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);
___ GED (9-12); X ESL; X PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Language Arts/Spelling/Basic Skill Remediation

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice, Tutorial

DESCRIPTION: Spell and unscramble words with fourteen word lists. It is possible to create your own word lists.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	4				
Content Characteristics	4				
Technical Characteristics	4				

RECOMMENDATION:

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Highly Recommend	X				
Use with reservations/changes					
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: The program is excellent for practicing & reinforcing spelling. It is easy to operate and clues to errors are helpful. It should have a record-keeping system for students to assess their performance, and it should repeat problems in which the student had an error.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Master Spell VERSION:

PRODUCER: MECC COST: $43.00 BACK-UP DISK? Yes

REQUIREMENTS: Apple TYPICAL RUNTIME: 10 - 15 min/session

APPROPRIATE USES: x ABE (0-4); x PRE-GED (5-8);

x GED (9-12); x ESL; x PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Language Arts/Basic Skill Remediation/ Administrative/Teacher Tool

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice, Tool

DESCRIPTION: Program allows teachers to create lists of spelling words to be presented with the teacher's own sentences.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 2 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	3	4			
Content Characteristics	4				
Technical Characteristics	4	4			

RECOMMENDATION:

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Highly Recommend	x	x			
Use with reservations/changes					
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: An easy to use program that allows teachers to create a variety of personalized lessons. It has a built in management capability.

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ESL

MASSACHUSETTS ADULT SOFTWARE SPECIALISTS

SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Math Sequences VERSION:

PRODUCER: Milliken COST: $675.00 BACK-UP DISK? Yes

REQUIREMENTS: Apple TYPICAL RUNTIME: 30 min/sitting

APPROPRIATE USES: X ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);

x GED (9-12); X ESL; X PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Math/Basic Skill Remediation

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice, Tutorial

DESCRIPTION: Provides drill and practice activities over a comprehensive, objective-based mathematics curriculum for grades 1 - 8.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 2 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	4	4			
Content Characteristics	4	4			
Technical Characteristics	3	4			

RECOMMENDATION:

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Highly Recommend	X	X			
Use with reservations/changes					
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: A very comprehensive set of 10 disks covering nearly all skill objectives in basic mathematics. Management system permits individualized assignments. Record keeping system enables teacher to acquire printout of students' performance.

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MASSACHUSETTS ADULT SOFTWARE SPECIALISTS

SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Missing Links VERSION: English Editor

PRODUCER: Sunburst COST: $55.00 BACK-UP DISK? yes

REQUIREMENTS: Acorn, Apple II, Atari, Commodore, IBM-PC, TRS-80 TYPICAL RUNTIME: 5 - 20 minutes

APPROPRIATE USES: ____ ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);

X GED (9-12); X ESL; X PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Reading/Spelling/Skill & Knowledge Development

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Skill Program

DESCRIPTION: Students fill in the missing letters or words to passages (provided by the teacher) of varying degrees of difficulty.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 3 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Reviewer

	1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	3	4	3		
Content Characteristics	4	4	3		
Technical Characteristics	3	4	3		

RECOMMENDATION:

Reviewer

	1	2	3		
Highly Recommend		X	X		
Use with reservations/changes	X				
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: Cloze technique emloyed for improving reading comprehension, vocabulary, and spelling. The many levels of difficulty available & the ability of the teacher to provide reading passages enable precise customization to user. Very appropriate for ESL.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Missing Links VERSION: Young People's Literature

PRODUCER: Sunburst COST: $55.00 BACK-UP DISK? Yes

REQUIREMENTS: Acorn, Apple II, Atari, Commodore, IBM-PC, TRS-80 TYPICAL RUNTIME: 5 - 20 minutes

APPROPRIATE USES: ____ ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);

X GED (9-12); X ESL; ____ PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Reading/Spelling/Skill & Knowledge Development

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice

DESCRIPTION: Program is in paragraph form with students filling in the blanks with vowels, consonants, or words. May be used as a game.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 2 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Reviewer

	1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	3	4			
Content Characteristics	4	4			
Technical Characteristics	4	4			

RECOMMENDATION:

Reviewer

	1	2	3		
Highly Recommend		X			
Use with reservations/changes	X				
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: Motivational program to be used as practice for spelling, context clues, and parts of speech. Readings in this session are not all adult-appropriate. See English Editor Version.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Money! Money! VERSION:

PRODUCER: Hartley COST: $39.95 BACK-UP DISK? No

REQUIREMENTS: Apple, IBM TYPICAL RUNTIME: 10 min/session 15 sessions

APPROPRIATE USES: X ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);
___ GED (9-12); X ESL; X PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Life Skills/Basic Skill Remediation

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice, Tool, Tutorial

DESCRIPTION: Program deals with basic coin recognition, counting and figuring change through simple word problems.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 2 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Reviewer	1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	4	3			
Content Characteristics	4	3			
Technical Characteristics	4	3			

RECOMMENDATION:

Reviewer	1	2	3		
Highly Recommend	X				
Use with reservations/changes		X			
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: An easy basic instruction tool for counting change. The program is modifiable and has a simple record-keeping system.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Readability Formula VERSION:

PRODUCER: Britannica COST: $49.00 BACK-UP DISK? $10

REQUIREMENTS: Apple IIe, IIc, II+ TYPICAL RUNTIME: 10 min/session 30 minutes total

APPROPRIATE USES: x ABE (0-4); x PRE-GED (5-8);

x GED (9-12); x ESL; x PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Utilities/Reading

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Tool

DESCRIPTION: Seven different tests may be applied simultaneously to determine the reading level of a passage.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Reviewer	1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics					
Content Characteristics	4				
Technical Characteristics	4				

RECOMMENDATION:

Reviewer	1	2	3		
Highly Recommend	X				
Use with reservations/changes					
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: An excellent tool for computing the reading level of a selection. The manual is needed for initial use of program.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Scripsit VERSION:

PRODUCER: Radio Shack COST: $300.00 BACK-UP DISK?

REQUIREMENTS: TRS-80 TYPICAL RUNTIME:

APPROPRIATE USES: X ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);
X GED (9-12); X ESL; X PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Word Processing/Skill/Knowledge Dev.

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Tool

DESCRIPTION: Word Processing package with many advanced features.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	4				
Content Characteristics	4				
Technical Characteristics	3				

RECOMMENDATION:

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Highly Recommend	X				
Use with reservations/changes					
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: Procedures for basic editing are relatively straight forward. For the more advanced functions, such as merging, a second disk drive is required. Dictionary can be purchased separately & requires second disk drive.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Spelling - Volume I VERSION:

PRODUCER: MECC COST: $44.00 BACK-UP DISK? Yes

REQUIREMENTS: Apple IIc TYPICAL RUNTIME: 10 - 15 minutes

APPROPRIATE USES: X ABE (0-4); ___ PRE-GED (5-8);
___ GED (9-12); X ESL; ___ PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Language Arts/Spelling

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice, Tool

DESCRIPTION: Multiple choice format for filling in the blank statements.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 3 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	4	4	4		
Content Characteristics	4	4	4		
Technical Characteristics	4	4	4		

RECOMMENDATION:

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Highly Recommend	X	X	X		
Use with reservations/changes					
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: Teacher has the ability to create a word list and sentences tailored to specific students. It is a very flexible program. The teacher may edit frames to teach definitions or even foreign languages.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Teacher Utilities: Vol. 1 Review & Review Load

VERSION: 4.2

PRODUCER: MECC

COST: ____

BACK-UP DISK? ____

REQUIREMENTS: Apple IIe

TYPICAL RUNTIME: 15 minutes

APPROPRIATE USES: X ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8); X GED (9-12); X ESL; X PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Utilities

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice

DESCRIPTION: Teacher creates drill and practice review tests that are presented in random order.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	3				
Content Characteristics	3				
Technical Characteristics	3				

RECOMMENDATION:

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Highly Recommend	X				
Use with reservations/changes					
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: The program allows teacher a relatively easy format for writing practice and drill questions. Feedback is simple and immediate.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Teaching Tools: Spelling Package VERSION:

PRODUCER: Teaching Tools: Microcomputer COST: $100.00 BACK-UP DISK? Yes

REQUIREMENTS: Apple II/IIe; Cassette Recorder with remote jack TYPICAL RUNTIME: Variable

APPROPRIATE USES: X ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);

X GED (9-12); X ESL; X PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Spelling/Phonics

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice, Tutorial

DESCRIPTION: Student hears word on tape recorder and types answer. Highlighted corrections and hints are provided for students.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	4				
Content Characteristics	N/A				
Technical Characteristics	2				

RECOMMENDATION:

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Highly Recommend	X				
Use with reservations/changes					
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: Feedback is pleasant, but student might benefit from additional graphics. It is easy to enter spelling words and match them with verbal entry. Some teacher assistance is required.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Teasers by Tobbs VERSION:

PRODUCER: Sunburst COST: $55.00 BACK-UP DISK? Yes

REQUIREMENTS: Acorn, Apple II, Atari, Commodore, IBM-PC, TRS-80 TYPICAL RUNTIME:

APPROPRIATE USES: X ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);

X GED (9-12); X ESL; X PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Mathematics/Addition & Multiplication

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice, Game

DESCRIPTION: Addition and Multiplication problems involving multistep-variations, missing addends, missing factors.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 3 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	2	4	4		
Content Characteristics	4	4	4		
Technical Characteristics	4	4	4		

RECOMMENDATION:

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Highly Recommend	X	X	X		
Use with reservations/changes					
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: Six levels of problem types ranging from simple addition and multiplication to challenging multistep variations. Format develops an understanding of the relationships between addition & subtraction, & between multiplicaiton & division.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: U.S. Constitution Tutor VERSION: ____

PRODUCER: Microlab Learning Co. COST: $39.00 BACK-UP DISK? ____

REQUIREMENTS: Apple II TYPICAL RUNTIME: 15 - 20 minutes

APPROPRIATE USES: ____ ABE (0-4); ____ PRE-GED (5-8);

X GED (9-12); X ESL; ____ PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Social Studies/Skill/Knowledge Dev.

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Tutorial

DESCRIPTION: Familiarizes student with the United States Constitution.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Reviewer	1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	4				
Content Characteristics	4				
Technical Characteristics	3				

RECOMMENDATION:

Reviewer	1	2	3		
Highly Recommend	X				
Use with reservations/changes					
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: Program is very useful in classes for Advanced Citizenship Preparation.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Verbs I VERSION: ______

PRODUCER: Milliken COST: $80.00 BACK-UP DISK? $40

REQUIREMENTS: Apple II+/e TYPICAL RUNTIME: 15 minutes

APPROPRIATE USES: ____ ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);

____ GED (9-12); X ESL; ____ PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Language Arts/Basic Skill Remediation

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice, Tutorial

DESCRIPTION: Program deals with irregular verbs and problem verb pairs. Each lesson is accompanied by pre-test and post-test.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	4				
Content Characteristics	3				
Technical Characteristics	4				

RECOMMENDATION:

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Highly Recommend	X				
Use with reservations/changes					
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: Adult students should be able to operate this program independently. It could be improved by the additon of more examples.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Who, What, Where, When, Why VERSION: ______

PRODUCER: Hartley COST: $49.94 BACK-UP DISK? $12

REQUIREMENTS: Apple IIe TYPICAL RUNTIME: 10 - 15 minutes

APPROPRIATE USES: X ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);

____ GED (9-12); X ESL; ____ PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Language Arts/Basic Skill Remediation

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice, Tutorial

DESCRIPTION: Twelve lessons designed to teach students the difference between the words in the title.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 2 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	3	4			
Content Characteristics	3	4			
Technical Characteristics	3	3+			

RECOMMENDATION:

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Highly Recommend		X			
Use with reservations/changes	X				
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: Short & simple lessons that may be modified by the teacher. A minimum of screen directions & explanations given. Simple record keeping is built in & there is ample practice for student. Graphics display for correct answer is time-consuming and not adult appropriate.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Visicalc VERSION:

PRODUCER: Scholastic COST: $89.95 BACK-UP DISK? Yes

REQUIREMENTS: Apple, IBM-PC, TRS-80, Commodore 64 TYPICAL RUNTIME:

APPROPRIATE USES: X ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);

X GED (9-12); X ESL; X PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Math/Business

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Tool

DESCRIPTION: A spreadsheet accompanied by a written tutorial.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Reviewer

	1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	4				
Content Characteristics	4				
Technical Characteristics	3				

RECOMMENDATION:

Reviewer

	1	2	3		
Highly Recommend	X				
Use with reservations/changes					
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: Visicalc is a powerful spreadsheet program. It is useful for administrative applications such as budgeting. With a high degree of preparation it could be used as a problem-solving tool for GED teachers.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Word Attack VERSION:

PRODUCER: Davidson & Assoc. COST: $49.95 BACK-UP DISK? $10

REQUIREMENTS: Apple, IBM, Commodore TYPICAL RUNTIME: 10 - 15 minutes

APPROPRIATE USES: ___ ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);
X GED (9-12); X ESL; ___ PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Reading/Vocabulary, Skill & Knowledge Development

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill, Tutorial

DESCRIPTION: A versatile program that utilizes either built-in content or teacher supplied content.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 3 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	4	4	4		
Content Characteristics	4	4	4		
Technical Characteristics	4	4	4		

RECOMMENDATION:

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Highly Recommend	X	X	X		
Use with reservations/changes					
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: A flexible program for building vocabulary and word attack skills, especially appropriate for ESL. Motivational with proper feedback for adult learners. Nine levels make the program useful for a wide range of abilities.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Wordwright VERSION: ____

PRODUCER: Britannica COST: $49.00 BACK-UP DISK? $10

REQUIREMENTS: Apple TYPICAL RUNTIME: Varies

APPROPRIATE USES: X ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);
X GED (9-12); X ESL; X PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Language Arts/Basic Skill Remediation

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice, Tutorial

DESCRIPTION: Consists of three skill games that teach vocabulary.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 2 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	4	3			
Content Characteristics	3	2			
Technical Characteristics	3	3			

RECOMMENDATION:

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Highly Recommend					
Use with reservations/changes	X	X			
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: The program has ample variety in the exercises, but adult learners would find the answer choices too repetitive. Teacher assistance is required for the student to operate this program.

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MASSACHUSETTS ADULT SOFTWARE SPECIALISTS

Language Arts

SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Alligator Game Series for English Usage VERSION: ____

PRODUCER: Educational Activities COST: $59.95 BACK-UP DISK? Yes

REQUIREMENTS: Apple, TRS-80 TYPICAL RUNTIME: 20 min/ses 2 hour total

APPROPRIATE USES: X ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);

X GED (9-12); X ESL; ____ PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Language Arts/Basic Skill Remediation

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice, Tutorial, Simulation

DESCRIPTION: Object of the game is to answer questions correctly & reach the top of the Pyramid. Incorrect answers send you down towards a waiting alligator.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 2 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	2	4			
Content Characteristics	2	4			
Technical Characteristics	2	4			

RECOMMENDATION:

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Highly Recommend		X			
Use with reservations/changes	X				
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: The strength of the program lies in its development of skills in noun/pronoun usage, pronoun/verb agreement, preposition usage, adjective/adverb usage, verbs & verb forms. Program is highly motivational. Graphics are somewhat time-consuming. Response to incorrect answers could be improved.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Bank Street Writer VERSION: ______

PRODUCER: Scholastic COST: $69.95 BACK-UP DISK? Yes

REQUIREMENTS: Apple, Atari, Commodore 64, IBM-PC TYPICAL RUNTIME: ______

APPROPRIATE USES: X ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8); X GED (9-12); X ESL; X PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Language Arts/Composition & Word Processing

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Tool

DESCRIPTION: A word processor that may be utilized in a writing program.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 2 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	N/A	N/A			
Content Characteristics	N/A	N/A			
Technical Characteristics	4	4			

RECOMMENDATION:

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Highly Recommend	X	X			
Use with reservations/changes					
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: An appropriate word processor for new users. A tutorial is available on the second side of the disk. The expanded version ($125) gives a choice of 40 or 80 column display.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Basic English Skills - Parts of Speech VERSION:

PRODUCER: Britannica COST: $349.00 BACK-UP DISK? $80

REQUIREMENTS: Apple II/e TYPICAL RUNTIME: 15 - 20 min/session 2 hours total

APPROPRIATE USES: X ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);

X GED (9-12); ____ ESL; X PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Language Arts/Remediation & Skill Developmt

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice, Tool

DESCRIPTION: Consists of 28 lessons, each lesson begins with a tutorial section and is followed by a practice section.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 3 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Reviewer	1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	4	4	4		
Content Characteristics	4	4	4		
Technical Characteristics	3	4	4		

RECOMMENDATION:

Reviewer	1	2	3		
Highly Recommend	X	X	X		
Use with reservations/changes					
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: Diskettes for adverbs, nouns, and verbs are highly recommended for their clear presentation.

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MASSACHUSETTS ADULT SOFTWARE SPECIALISTS

SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Basic English Skills - Sentences Disk 1 VERSION: ______

PRODUCER: Britannica COST: $49.00 BACK-UP DISK? $10

REQUIREMENTS: Apple IIc/e TYPICAL RUNTIME: 20 minutes

APPROPRIATE USES: ____ ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);
X GED (9-12); ____ ESL; ____ PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Language Arts/Basic Skill Remediation

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice, Tutorial

DESCRIPTION: Instruction and practice in sentence construction. Identification of the subject of a sentence.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 3 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	4	3	2		
Content Characteristics	3	2	3		
Technical Characteristics	3	3	3		

RECOMMENDATION:

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Highly Recommend	X				
Use with reservations/changes		X	X		
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: Program reinforces the idea of sentence expressing a complete thought. Pretests, excellent screen directions, and ample opportunity for student feedback are program strengths. Examples could be improved.

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MASSACHUSETTS ADULT SOFTWARE SPECIALISTS

SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Basic English Skills - Sentences, Disk 2 VERSION:

PRODUCER: Britannica COST: $49.00 BACK-UP DISK? $10

REQUIREMENTS: Apple IIc, IIe TYPICAL RUNTIME: 20 - 30 minutes

APPROPRIATE USES: ____ ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);
____ GED (9-12); X ESL; ____ PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Language Arts/Basic Skill Remediation

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice, Tutorial

DESCRIPTION: Identification of predicate nouns, simple and complete predicates, complete sentences and fragments.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 2 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	4	4			
Content Characteristics	3	3			
Technical Characteristics	4	4			

RECOMMENDATION:

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Highly Recommend	X	X			
Use with reservations/changes					
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: Strengths of the program are the clear directions, appropriate feedback, use of highlighting, and available worksheets. The program would be improved if grammar tutorial sections preceded the practice sections.

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Language Arts

MASSACHUSETTS ADULT SOFTWARE SPECIALISTS

SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Building Better Sentences VERSION: _____

PRODUCER: Milton Bradley COST: $49.95 BACK-UP DISK? _____

REQUIREMENTS: Apple TYPICAL RUNTIME: 15 - 20 min/session 1½ - 2 hrs total

APPROPRIATE USES: _____ ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);

X GED (9-12); X ESL; _____ PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Language Arts/Skill/Knowledge Development

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice, Tutorial, Tool

DESCRIPTION: Program teaches student to recognize sentence parts & to combine them to make more effective and interesting grammatical structures.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	4				
Content Characteristics	4				
Technical Characteristics	4				

RECOMMENDATION:

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Highly Recommend	X				
Use with reservations/changes					
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: An easy to use, sound basic grammar lesson. The program might be improved with more examples. The cumulative test allows student to gain points for the game, Alien Raiders.

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MASSACHUSETTS ADULT SOFTWARE SPECIALISTS

SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Capitalization VERSION: 4.12.84

PRODUCER: Hartley COST: $49.95 BACK-UP DISK? No

REQUIREMENTS: 48K A;;le II/e Single Disk Drive TYPICAL RUNTIME: 15 minutes/lesson

APPROPRIATE USES: X ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);

X GED (9-12); ____ ESL; ____ PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Language Arts/Capitalization

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Tutorial

DESCRIPTION: One disk is tutorial and the other is testing. A simple review of capitalization.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 2 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Reviewer

	1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	3	4			
Content Characteristics	3	4			
Technical Characteristics	3	4			

RECOMMENDATION:

Reviewer

	1	2	3		
Highly Recommend		X			
Use with reservations/changes	X				
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: An appropriate source of low level material for adult learners. The directions are clear and concise and the presentation of rules is slow and methodical.

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MASSACHUSETTS ADULT SOFTWARE SPECIALISTS

SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Grammar Mastery VERSION: Series A

PRODUCER: Regents/ALA COST: $ 39.95/disk
$195.00/series BACK-UP DISK? $ 19.95
$280.00

REQUIREMENTS: Apple TYPICAL RUNTIME: 20 min/session

APPROPRIATE USES: x ABE (0-4); ___ PRE-GED (5-8);
___ GED (9-12); x ESL; ___ PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Language Arts

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice, Tutorial

DESCRIPTION: Basics of English grammar covering verbs, nouns, pronouns, prepositions, adjectives and adverbs.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 3 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	4	3	4		
Content Characteristics	3	3	3		
Technical Characteristics	1	2	3		

RECOMMENDATION:

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Highly Recommend					
Use with reservations/changes	X	X	X		
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: Program would be an appropriate reinforcement to classroom work. Prior teacher instruction is needed for students to work successfully with the program.

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MASSACHUSETTS ADULT SOFTWARE SPECIALISTS

SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Homonyms in Context VERSION: ____

PRODUCER: Random House COST: $59.95 BACK-UP DISK? $10

REQUIREMENTS: Apple IIe TYPICAL RUNTIME: 30 - 40 minutes

APPROPRIATE USES: x ABE (0-4); x PRE-GED (5-8);

____ GED (9-12); x ESL; ____ PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Language Arts

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill & Practice/Simulation

DESCRIPTION: Recognition and use of homonyms through both drill and game format.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 2 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Reviewer	1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	3	4			
Content Characteristics	3	4			
Technical Characteristics	3	3			

RECOMMENDATION:

Reviewer	1	2	3		
Highly Recommend	X	X			
Use with reservations/changes					
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: Program can be used independently and provides appropriate reinforcemnt for the student with immediate feedback. The game is not necessary for the program.

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MASSACHUSETTS ADULT SOFTWARE SPECIALISTS

SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Long Vowels VERSION: ______

PRODUCER: Intellectual Software COST: ______ BACK-UP DISK? ______

REQUIREMENTS: Apple TYPICAL RUNTIME: 10-15 min/sessio 55 min/disk

APPROPRIATE USES: X ABE (0-4); ____ PRE-GED (5-8);

____ GED (9-12); ____ ESL; ____ PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Language Arts

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice

DESCRIPTION: Program teaches students to recognize words with long vowel sounds.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 2 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	4	4			
Content Characteristics	4	3			
Technical Characteristics	3	3			

RECOMMENDATION:

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Highly Recommend	X	X			
Use with reservations/changes					
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: Sample lessons and instructions are both potentially useful for adult learners. Some difficulty in exiting from the program exists.

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MASSACHUSETTS ADULT SOFTWARE SPECIALISTS

SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Magic Spells VERSION: ____

PRODUCER: Learning Company COST: $34.95 BACK-UP DISK? $10

REQUIREMENTS: Apple, IBM-PC Commodore TYPICAL RUNTIME: 15 minutes

APPROPRIATE USES: x ABE (0-4); x PRE-GED (5-8);

____ GED (9-12); x ESL; x PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Language Arts/Spelling/Basic Skill Remediation

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice, Tutorial

DESCRIPTION: Spell and unscramble words with fourteen word lists. It is possible to create your own word lists.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	4				
Content Characteristics	4				
Technical Characteristics	4				

RECOMMENDATION:

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Highly Recommend	x				
Use with reservations/changes					
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: The program is excellent for practicing & reinforcing spelling. It is easy to operate and clues to errors are helpful. It should have a record-keeping system for students to assess their performance, and it should repeat problems in which the student had an error.

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MASSACHUSETTS ADULT SOFTWARE SPECIALISTS

SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Master Spell VERSION:

PRODUCER: MECC COST: $43.00 BACK-UP DISK? Yes

REQUIREMENTS: Apple TYPICAL RUNTIME: 10 - 15 min/session

APPROPRIATE USES: x ABE (0-4); x PRE-GED (5-8); x GED (9-12); x ESL; x PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Language Arts/Basic Skill Remediation/ Administrative/Teacher Tool

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice, Tool

DESCRIPTION: Program allows teachers to create lists of spelling words to be presented with the teacher's own sentences.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 2 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	3	4			
Content Characteristics	4				
Technical Characteristics	4	4			

RECOMMENDATION:

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Highly Recommend	X	X			
Use with reservations/changes					
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: An easy to use program that allows teachers to create a variety of personalized lessons. It has a built in management capability.

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MASSACHUSETTS ADULT SOFTWARE SPECIALISTS

SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: P. F. S. Write VERSION:

PRODUCER: Software Publishing Company COST: $125.00 BACK-UP DISK? No

REQUIREMENTS: Apple IIe/c, IBM-PC TYPICAL RUNTIME:

APPROPRIATE USES: ___ ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);

X GED (9-12); ___ ESL; ___ PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Language Arts/Word Processing/Skill/Knowl. Dev.

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Tool

DESCRIPTION: Tutorial disk, instruction manual, and on-screen help options. Can write documents up to 16 pages long.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	4				
Content Characteristics	4				
Technical Characteristics	4				

RECOMMENDATION:

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Highly Recommend	X				
Use with reservations/changes					
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: This word processing program has advanced editing, text movement, and print features, yet should not be difficult for adult students to operate. The screen displays the actual print-out.

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MASSACHUSETTS ADULT SOFTWARE SPECIALISTS

Language Arts

SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: SAT - English I VERSION: ____

PRODUCER: Microlab Inc. COST: $39.00 BACK-UP DISK? ____

REQUIREMENTS: Apple II TYPICAL RUNTIME: ____

APPROPRIATE USES: ____ ABE (0-4); ____ PRE-GED (5-8);

X GED (9-12); ____ ESL; ____ PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Language Arts/Grammar & Usage

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Tool, Tutorial

DESCRIPTION: Vocabulary, analogies, usage, and comprehension drill presented in SAT format.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 2 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	3	3			
Content Characteristics	3	3			
Technical Characteristics	2	3			

RECOMMENDATION:

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Highly Recommend					
Use with reservations/changes	X	X			
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: Although the level of difficulty of typical SAT English questions may be high for GED students, many of the grammar, sentence completion, and reading comprehension items may be appropriate and challenging for GED preparation. Some technical difficulties exist in exiting from the program.

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MASSACHUSETTS ADULT SOFTWARE SPECIALISTS

SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Sentence Combining VERSION: 1 - 10
11 - 18

PRODUCER: Milliken COST: $195.00 BACK-UP DISK? $95

REQUIREMENTS: Apple II/e TYPICAL RUNTIME: open-ended

APPROPRIATE USES: ____ ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);

X GED (9-12); ____ ESL; X PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Language Arts/Remediation

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Tutorial, Drill/Practice,

DESCRIPTION: A series of lessons geared to teaching student to write complete and fluent sentences.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 2 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Reviewer

	1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	2	3			
Content Characteristics	2	3			
Technical Characteristics	2	4			

RECOMMENDATION:

Reviewer

	1	2	3		
Highly Recommend		X			
Use with reservations/changes	X				
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: Content was much more appropriate in lessons 11 - 18 than in lessons 1 - 10. Management system permits individualized assignments and printed record keeping.

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MASSACHUSETTS ADULT SOFTWARE SPECIALISTS

SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Short Vowels VERSION: ____

PRODUCER: Intellectual Software COST: $21.95 BACK-UP DISK? ____

REQUIREMENTS: Apple/Commodore TYPICAL RUNTIME: ____

APPROPRIATE USES: X ABE (0-4); ____ PRE-GED (5-8);

____ GED (9-12); ____ ESL; ____ PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Language Arts/Basic Skill Remediation

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice

DESCRIPTION: Program teaches students to recognize words with short vowel sounds.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 2 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Reviewer	1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	3	3			
Content Characteristics	3	4			
Technical Characteristics	3	3			

RECOMMENDATION:

Reviewer	1	2	3		
Highly Recommend	X				
Use with reservations/changes		X			
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: An excellent program for use with Special Education students. Teacher assistance is required for students to operate this program.

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MASSACHUSETTS ADULT SOFTWARE SPECIALISTS

SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Spelling Demons VERSION: DOS 3.3

PRODUCER: Rnadom House COST: $59.95 BACK-UP DISK? $10

REQUIREMENTS: Apple II+/e TYPICAL RUNTIME: 30 minutes

APPROPRIATE USES: X ABE (0-4); ____ PRE-GED (5-8);

____ GED (9-12); ____ ESL; ____ PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Language Arts/Spelling

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice, Tutorial

DESCRIPTION: Provides spelling drill and practice and familiarizes students with write testing method. Includes manager.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	4				
Content Characteristics	4				
Technical Characteristics	4				

RECOMMENDATION:

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Highly Recommend	X				
Use with reservations/changes					
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: Program may be operated by student independently and is challenging without frustrating the student. Response time should in some instances be made faster. Distinguishing between the letters "H" and "W" may be a potential problem to some users.

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MASSACHUSETTS ADULT SOFTWARE SPECIALISTS

SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Spelling Volume I VERSION: ____

PRODUCER: MECC COST: $44.00 BACK-UP DISK? Yes

REQUIREMENTS: Apple IIc TYPICAL RUNTIME: 10 - 15 minutes

APPROPRIATE USES: X ABE (0-4); ____ PRE-GED (5-8);

____ GED (9-12); X ESL; ____ PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Language Arts/Spelling

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice, Tool

DESCRIPTION: Multiple choice format for filling in the blank statements.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 3 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	4	4	4		
Content Characteristics	4	4	4		
Technical Characteristics	4	4	4		

RECOMMENDATION:

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Highly Recommend	X	X	X		
Use with reservations/changes					
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: Teacher has the ability to create a word list and sentences tailored to specific students. It is a very flexible program. The teacher may edit frames to teach definitions or even foreign languages.

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MASSACHUSETTS ADULT SOFTWARE SPECIALISTS

SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Spelling - Volume II VERSION: 3

PRODUCER: MECC COST: $44.00 BACK-UP DISK? Yes

REQUIREMENTS: Apple TYPICAL RUNTIME: 10 - 15 minutes

APPROPRIATE USES: ___ ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);

X GED (9-12); ___ ESL; ___ PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Language Arts/Spelling

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice, Tutorial, Tool

DESCRIPTION: Multiple choice format for filling in the blank statements.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 3 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	4	2	4		
Content Characteristics	4	3	3		
Technical Characteristics	3	2	3		

RECOMMENDATION:

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Highly Recommend	X		X		
Use with reservations/changes		X			
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: Program can be operated independently by the student. Vocabulary words are challenging. The student might benefit from more time for response. Instructor is able to provide his/her own content to precisely test the students' needs.

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MASSACHUSETTS ADULT SOFTWARE SPECIALISTS

SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Spell It VERSION: ____

PRODUCER: Davidson COST: $49.95 BACK-UP DISK? $10

REQUIREMENTS: Apple, IBM, Commodore TYPICAL RUNTIME: ____

APPROPRIATE USES: ____ ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);

X GED (9-12); ____ ESL; ____ PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Language Arts/Spelling

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/practice, Tutorial

DESCRIPTION: Four learning activities including a game.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 3 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	4	4	4		
Content Characteristics	4	4	4		
Technical Characteristics	4	4	4		

RECOMMENDATION:

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Highly Recommend	X	X	X		
Use with reservations/changes					
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: The spelling rules are presented clearly and the program has an editor allowing the teacher to create her own list.

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MASSACHUSETTS ADULT SOFTWARE SPECIALISTS

SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Verbs I VERSION: ______

PRODUCER: Milliken COST: $80.00 BACK-UP DISK? $40

REQUIREMENTS: Apple II+/e TYPICAL RUNTIME: 15 minutes

APPROPRIATE USES: ___ ABE (0-4); x PRE-GED (5-8);

___ GED (9-12); x ESL; ___ PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Language Arts/Basic Skill Remediation

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice, Tutorial

DESCRIPTION: Program deals with irregular verbs and problem verb pairs. Each lesson is accompanied by pre-test and post-test.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Reviewer

	1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	4				
Content Characteristics	3				
Technical Characteristics	4				

RECOMMENDATION:

Reviewer

	1	2	3		
Highly Recommend	X				
Use with reservations/changes					
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: Adult students should be able to operate this program independently. It could be improved by the addition of more examples.

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MASSACHUSETTS ADULT SOFTWARE SPECIALISTS

Language Arts

SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Vocabulary Skills (Context Clues) VERSION: ______

PRODUCER: Milton Bradley COST: $40.95 BACK-UP DISK? ______

REQUIREMENTS: Apple TYPICAL RUNTIME: 15 - 20 min/session 6 lessons

APPROPRIATE USES: ____ ABE (0-4); x PRE-GED (5-8);

____ GED (9-12); ____ ESL; ____ PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Language Arts/Vocabulary

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice, Tutorial

DESCRIPTION: Student matches words and definitions. Lessons provide the definitions.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 3 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	2	4	2		
Content Characteristics	2	4	2		
Technical Characteristics	2	4	2		

RECOMMENDATION:

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Highly Recommend		X			
Use with reservations/changes	X		X		
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: The program provides the student with definitions, explanations and the opportunity for practice and review. The adult learner might benefit from a greater number of answer choices.

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MASSACHUSETTS ADULT SOFTWARE SPECIALISTS

Language Arts

SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Who, What, Where, When, Why VERSION: ______

PRODUCER: Hartley COST: $49.94 BACK-UP DISK? $12

REQUIREMENTS: Apple IIe TYPICAL RUNTIME: 10 - 15 minutes

APPROPRIATE USES: x ABE (0-4); x PRE-GED (5-8);
____ GED (9-12); x ESL; ____ PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Language Arts/Basic Skill Remediation

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice, Tutorial

DESCRIPTION: Twelve lessons designed to teach students the difference between the words in the title.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 2 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Reviewer

	1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	3	4			
Content Characteristics	3	4			
Technical Characteristics	3	3+			

RECOMMENDATION:

Reviewer

	1	2	3		
Highly Recommend		X			
Use with reservations/changes	X				
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: Short & simple lessons that may be modified by the teacher. A minimum of screen directions & explanation of errors given. Simple record keeping is built in & there is ample practice for student. Graphics display for correct answer is time-consuming and not adult appropriate.

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MASSACHUSETTS ADULT SOFTWARE SPECIALISTS

SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Wizard of Words VERSION: ______

PRODUCER: Computer Advanced Ideas COST: $39.95 BACK-UP DISK? ______

REQUIREMENTS: Apple, IBM, Commodore TYPICAL RUNTIME: 15 - 20 minutes

APPROPRIATE USES: X ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);
X GED (9-12); ___ ESL; ___ PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Language Arts/Spelling/Dictionary Usage

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Simulation

DESCRIPTION: Five games with eight levels of difficulty.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	3				
Content Characteristics	4				
Technical Characteristics	4				

RECOMMENDATION:

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Highly Recommend	X				
Use with reservations/changes					
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: Teacher has the option of entering his own word list. The student develops skill in use of the dictionary since the program does not supply definitions.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Wordwright VERSION:

PRODUCER: Britannica COST: $49.00 BACK-UP DISK? $10

REQUIREMENTS: Apple TYPICAL RUNTIME: Varies

APPROPRIATE USES: x ABE (0-4); x PRE-GED (5-8);
x GED (9-12); x ESL; x PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Language Arts/Basic Skill Remediation

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice, Tutorial

DESCRIPTION: Consists of three skill games that teach vocabulary.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 2 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Reviewer	1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	4	3			
Content Characteristics	3	2			
Technical Characteristics	3	3			

RECOMMENDATION:

Reviewer	1	2	3		
Highly Recommend					
Use with reservations/changes	X	X			
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: The program has ample variety in the exercises, but adult learners would find the answer choices too repetitive. Teacher assistance is required for the student to operate this program.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Writing Skills VERSION: 1.0

PRODUCER: Peachtree COST: $39.95 BACK-UP DISK? ____

REQUIREMENTS: Apple TYPICAL RUNTIME: 45 min/disk

APPROPRIATE USES: ____ ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);
X GED (9-12); ____ ESL; ____ PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Language Arts/Baskic Skill Remediation

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice, Tutorial

DESCRIPTION: A series of five programs that focus on correcting the most common writing mistakes by sharpening self-editing skills.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 2 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	1	1			
Content Characteristics	3	1			
Technical Characteristics	2	1			

RECOMMENDATION:

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Highly Recommend					
Use with reservations/changes	X				
Not recommended for adults		X			

COMMENTS: Teacher assistance is required for students to operate this program successfully.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Career Directions VERSION: 1

PRODUCER: System Design Associates, Inc. COST: $89.00 BACK-UP DISK? No

REQUIREMENTS: Apple II TYPICAL RUNTIME: 1 hour

APPROPRIATE USES: ___ ABE (0-4); ___ PRE-GED (5-8);

X GED (9-12); ___ ESL; X PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Life Skills/Diagnostic/Prescriptive

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Tutorial

DESCRIPTION: Student answers questions that lead to a print-out of a profile of interests, abilities, and suggested careers.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	4				
Content Characteristics	4				
Technical Characteristics	3				

RECOMMENDATION:

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Highly Recommend	X				
Use with reservations/changes					
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: A reasonable, useful and informative program that can help students in planning future goals.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Daily Living Skills: Banking & Credit VERSION: DOS 3.3

PRODUCER: Britannica COST: $59.00 BACK-UP DISK? $10

REQUIREMENTS: Apple II/e/c TYPICAL RUNTIME: 15 - 20 minutes

APPROPRIATE USES: X ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);
X GED (9-12); ___ ESL; X PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Life Skills/Banking & Credit

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Tutorial/Simulation

DESCRIPTION: Introduces the fundamental aspects of bank accounts, both saving & checking. Presents basic credit concepts: obtaining credit, using credit cards -- limits and service charges.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 2 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	3	4			
Content Characteristics	3	3			
Technical Characteristics	3	4			

RECOMMENDATION:

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Highly Recommend		X			
Use with reservations/changes	X				
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: Relevant to adult life style and needs. Presentation of information is sequential. Animated graphics are useful if used in conjunction with supplementary teacher explanations and materials.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Life Coping Skills VERSION: Building Relationships

PRODUCER: Plato COST: $295.00 BACK-UP DISK? Yes

REQUIREMENTS: Apple II+, IIe TYPICAL RUNTIME: 30 minutes

APPROPRIATE USES: ____ ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);
X GED (9-12); ____ ESL; X PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Life Skills/Interpersonal Skills

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Tutorial

DESCRIPTION: A series of courses (19 disks) that provide students with tools for self-improvement and life management skills.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 2 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	2	2			
Content Characteristics	2	2			
Technical Characteristics	3	3			

RECOMMENDATION:

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Highly Recommend					
Use with reservations/changes	X	X			
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: Content level is very basic and needs further development through discussion. Presentations could have been more briskly paced.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Life Coping Skills Forming Positive Behavior VERSION:

PRODUCER: Control Data COST: $295.00 BACK-UP DISK? Yes

REQUIREMENTS: Apple II+, IIe TYPICAL RUNTIME: 30 minutes

APPROPRIATE USES: ___ ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8); X GED (9-12); X ESL; X PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Life Skills/Skill/Knowledge Development

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Simulation, Tutorial

DESCRIPTION: One of a series of courses providing students with tools for self-improvement and life management skills.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Reviewer	1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	4				
Content Characteristics	3				
Technical Characteristics	3				

RECOMMENDATION:

Reviewer	1	2	3		
Highly Recommend	X				
Use with reservations/changes					
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: May be used independently by adult learners. Screens sometimes contain an excess of text.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Life Coping Skills VERSION: Increasing Self-Esteem

PRODUCER: Plato COST: $295.00 BACK-UP DISK? Yes

REQUIREMENTS: Apple II+, IIe TYPICAL RUNTIME: 1 hour

APPROPRIATE USES: ___ ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);
X GED (9-12); ___ ESL; X PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Life Skills/Personal Awareness

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Tutorial

DESCRIPTION: One of a series of courses providing students with tools for self-improvement and life management skills.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 2 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Reviewer	1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	4	4			
Content Characteristics	4	3			
Technical Characteristics	3	3			

RECOMMENDATION:

Reviewer	1	2	3		
Highly Recommend	X				
Use with reservations/changes		X			
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: Program is readable, generally interesting to adults, and provides fundamental counseling. It reinforces positive thinking. Responses could have shown more variety.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Money! Money!

VERSION:

PRODUCER: Hartley

COST: $39.95

BACK-UP DISK? No

REQUIREMENTS: Apple, IBM

TYPICAL RUNTIME: 10 min/session 15 sessions

APPROPRIATE USES: X ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);
GED (9-12); X ESL; X PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Life Skills/Basic Skill Remediation

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice, Tool, Tutorial

DESCRIPTION: Program deals with basic coin recognition, counting and figuring change through simple word problems.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 2 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	4	3			
Content Characteristics	4	3			
Technical Characteristics	4	3			

RECOMMENDATION:

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Highly Recommend	X				
Use with reservations/changes		X			
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: An easy basic instruction tool for counting change. The program is modifiable and has a simple record-keeping system.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Adding Fractions VERSION: ______

PRODUCER: Microcomputer Workshops COST: $24.95 each $90.00 series BACK-UP DISK? Yes

REQUIREMENTS: Apple TYPICAL RUNTIME: 20 minutes

APPROPRIATE USES: ____ ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);

____ GED (9-12); ____ ESL; ____ PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Math

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice, Tutorial

DESCRIPTION: Series of exercised designed to reinforce skill in adding fractions.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	4				
Content Characteristics	4				
Technical Characteristics	4				

RECOMMENDATION:

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Highly Recommend	X				
Use with reservations/changes					
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: Exercises are randomly generated and errors are explained to the student.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: The Arithmetic Classroom - Decimals VERSION: ____

PRODUCER: Sterling Swift COST: $49.95 BACK-UP DISK? ____

REQUIREMENTS: Apple II, IBM-PC TYPICAL RUNTIME: 15 min/lesson 1 hour total

APPROPRIATE USES: ____ ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);

____ GED (9-12); ____ ESL; ____ PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Math

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice, Tutorial

DESCRIPTION: One of a total of 8 learning packages. Each package contains a lesson diskette, a practice workbook & achievement record forms. All test various levels of competence.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	4				
Content Characteristics	4				
Technical Characteristics	3				

RECOMMENDATION:

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Highly Recommend	X				
Use with reservations/changes					
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: Problems are randomly generated and instructional hints are provided for incorrect responses.

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Math

SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: The Arithmetic Classroom - Division VERSION: ____

PRODUCER: Sterling Swift COST: $49.95 BACK-UP DISK? ____

REQUIREMENTS: Apple II, IIe TYPICAL RUNTIME: 20 min/session 2 hours total

APPROPRIATE USES: X ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);

____ GED (9-12); ____ ESL; ____ PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Mathematics/Division & Multiplication

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice, Tutorial

DESCRIPTION: There are five or six lessons with mastery checks. Content is geared to basic skill development for multiplication and division.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 3 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	4	4	4		
Content Characteristics	4	3	3		
Technical Characteristics	4	4	4		

RECOMMENDATION:

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Highly Recommend	X	X	X		
Use with reservations/changes					
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: A practice workbook and acheivement record sheet are included with the package. The program allows students to progress as they pass various levels of testing.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: The Arithmetic Classroom Fractions: Addition & Subtraction VERSION: ____

PRODUCER: Sterling Swift COST: $49.95 BACK-UP DISK? ____

REQUIREMENTS: Apple II TYPICAL RUNTIME: 10 - 15 min/session 1 hour total

APPROPRIATE USES: ____ ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);

____ GED (9-12); ____ ESL; ____ PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Math

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice, Tutorial

DESCRIPTION: Student completes achievement record after each lesson.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	4				
Content Characteristics	4				
Technical Characteristics	3				

RECOMMENDATION:

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Highly Recommend	X				
Use with reservations/changes					
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: May be used appropriately to provide reinforcement for math skills previously learned.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: The Arithmetic Classroom Fractions: Basic Concepts

VERSION:

PRODUCER: Sterling Swift

COST: $49.95

BACK-UP DISK?

REQUIREMENTS: Apple II, IBM-PC

TYPICAL RUNTIME: 10 - 15 min/lesson 1 hour total

APPROPRIATE USES: ___ ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8); ___ GED (9-12); ___ ESL; ___ PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Math

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice, Tutorial

DESCRIPTION: Program consists of lessons at various levels of competence. Student completes achievement record after each lesson.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	4				
Content Characteristics	4				
Technical Characteristics	3				

RECOMMENDATION:

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Highly Recommend	X				
Use with reservations/changes					
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: Fractions are presented with visual models. Tutorial is followed by practice problems to test understanding.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: The Arithmetic Classroom Fractions: Multiplication & Division VERSION:

PRODUCER: Sterling Swift COST: $49.95 BACK-UP DISK?

REQUIREMENTS: Apple II TYPICAL RUNTIME: 10 - 15 min/session 1 hour total

APPROPRIATE USES: ___ ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);

___ GED (9-12); ___ ESL; ___ PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Math

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice, Tutorial

DESCRIPTION: Student completes achievement record after each lesson. Program is designed to develop skills in multiplying and dividing fractions.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Reviewer

	1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	4				
Content Characteristics	4				
Technical Characteristics	3				

RECOMMENDATION:

Reviewer

	1	2	3		
Highly Recommend	X				
Use with reservations/changes					
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: Instructional hints are provided and program comes with a practice workbook. Student must complete a lesson before exiting the program.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Building Basic Math Skills VERSION:

PRODUCER: Merit Audio Visual COST: $34.95 BACK-UP DISK? $10

REQUIREMENTS: Apple IIc/+ TYPICAL RUNTIME: 15min/session

APPROPRIATE USES: ___ ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);

X GED (9-12); ___ ESL; ___ PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Math

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice

DESCRIPTION: The program is designed to develop and strengthen the student's skills in rounding numbers.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	3				
Content Characteristics	3				
Technical Characteristics	3				

RECOMMENDATION:

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Highly Recommend	X				
Use with reservations/changes					
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: Program provides practice for students in rounding numbers. It has appropriate feedback and reinforcement to users' responses.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Discover What Graphs Can Tell You VERSION: ____

PRODUCER: Media Materials, Inc. COST: $39.95 BACK-UP DISK? ____

REQUIREMENTS: Apple TYPICAL RUNTIME: 10 - 15 minutes

APPROPRIATE USES: ____ ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);

X GED (9-12); ____ ESL; ____ PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Math/Reading Graphs

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Tutorial

DESCRIPTION: Disk contains tutorial lesson and then student can go on to the workbook for drill and practice of concepts.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	4				
Content Characteristics	3				
Technical Characteristics	3				

RECOMMENDATION:

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Highly Recommend	X				
Use with reservations/changes					
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: This program contains a single lesson for student practice. Further knowledge of graphing is developed through use of accompanying workbook.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Dividing Fractions VERSION: ____

PRODUCER: Microcomputer Workshops COST: $24.95 each $90.00 series BACK-UP DISK? Yes

REQUIREMENTS: Apple TYPICAL RUNTIME: 20 min/session

APPROPRIATE USES: ____ ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);

____ GED (9-12); ____ ESL; ____ PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Math

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice, Tutorial

DESCRIPTION: Series of exercises that reinforce students skill at dividing fractions.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	4				
Content Characteristics	4				
Technical Characteristics	4				

RECOMMENDATION:

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Highly Recommend	X				
Use with reservations/changes					
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: Exercises are randomly generated. Immediate feedback for errors and the errors are classified at the end of each problem as to the area -- i.e. computational or least common denominator.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Elementary Math - Volume 3 VERSION: ____

PRODUCER: MECC COST: $45.00 BACK-UP DISK? Yes

REQUIREMENTS: Apple IIc, IIe TYPICAL RUNTIME: 15 min/session

APPROPRIATE USES: ____ ABE (0-4); x PRE-GED (5-8);

x GED (9-12); x ESL; x PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Math/Basic Skill Remediation

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice, Tutorial

DESCRIPTION: Analysis of basic geometrical figures.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 3 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	4	4	4		
Content Characteristics	4	4	3		
Technical Characteristics	2	3	4		

RECOMMENDATION:

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Highly Recommend	x		x		
Use with reservations/changes		x			
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: Graphics are used appropriately to reinforce geometric concepts of area and perimeter.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: The Factory

VERSION:

PRODUCER: Sunburst

COST: $55.00

BACK-UP DISK? Yes

REQUIREMENTS: Acorn, Apple, Commodore, Atari, IBM-PC, TRS-80

TYPICAL RUNTIME: 15 min/session

APPROPRIATE USES: ____ ABE (0-4); ____ PRE-GED (5-8);
X GED (9-12); X ESL; ____ PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Math/Problem Solving

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Simulation

DESCRIPTION: Program simulates a factory and student is required to use eight machine operations to create a geometric shape.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 2 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Reviewer

	1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	4	4			
Content Characteristics	4	3			
Technical Characteristics	3	4			

RECOMMENDATION:

Reviewer

	1	2	3		
Highly Recommend	X	X			
Use with reservations/charges					
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: An excellent program for developing sequencing skills and visual reading.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Fraction Factory VERSION: ____

PRODUCER: Springboard COST: $30.00 BACK-UP DISK? No

REQUIREMENTS: Apple IIe TYPICAL RUNTIME: 1 hour

APPROPRIATE USES: ____ ABE (0-4); x PRE-GED (5-8);

____ GED (9-12); ____ ESL; ____ PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Math/Basic Skill Remediation

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice, Tutorial, Simulation

DESCRIPTION: Game format dealing with proportions and reducing fractions.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	3				
Content Characteristics	3				
Technical Characteristics	2				

RECOMMENDATION:

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Highly Recommend	X				
Use with reservations/changes					
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: Excellent practice program for fractions that may used independently or as a game between two learners.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Mathematics Activities Courseware VERSION: Level 7

PRODUCER: Houghton-Mifflin COST: $150.00 BACK-UP DISK? Yes

REQUIREMENTS: Apple IIe TYPICAL RUNTIME: ____

APPROPRIATE USES: ____ ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);

X GED (9-12); ____ ESL; ____ PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Mathematics/Enrichment

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice, Tutorial, Simulation

DESCRIPTION: Program combines sue of drilling exercises and games in an effort to improve student's basic math skills.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 2 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Reviewer

	1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	2	1			
Content Characteristics	3	3			
Technical Characteristics	3	3			

RECOMMENDATION:

Reviewer

	1	2	3		
Highly Recommend					
Use with reservations/changes	X	X			
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: Improved screen directions would enhance new user's ability to run the program independently. Program can be exited with ease. A variety of activities available on the disk. A wealth of supplementary materials available within the documentation.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Math Sequences VERSION: ______

PRODUCER: Milliken COST: $675.00 BACK-UP DISK? ______

REQUIREMENTS: Apple TYPICAL RUNTIME: 30 min/sitting

APPROPRIATE USES: X ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);

X GED (9-12); X ESL; X PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Math/Basic Skill Remediation

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice, Tutorial

DESCRIPTION: Provides drill and practice activities over a comprehensive, objective-based mathematics curriculum for grades 1 -8.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 2 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Reviewer

	1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	4	4			
Content Characteristics	4	4			
Technical Characteristics	3	4			

RECOMMENDATION:

Reviewer

	1	2	3		
Highly Recommend	X	X			
Use with reservations/changes					
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: A very comprehensive set of 10 disks covering nearly all skill objectives in basic mathematics. Management system permits individualized assignments. Record-keeping system enables teacher to acquire printout of students' performance.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Math Sequences: Equations VERSION: ______

PRODUCER: Milliken COST: $40.00 BACK-UP DISK? $20

REQUIREMENTS: Atari 800 Apple II+/IIe TYPICAL RUNTIME: 10 min/drill

APPROPRIATE USES: ____ ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8); X GED (9-12); ____ ESL; ____ PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Math

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice

DESCRIPTION: Part of Math Sequences program that covers math curriculum for grades 1 - 8. All work is performed on screen.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Reviewer	1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	4				
Content Characteristics	4				
Technical Characteristics	4				

RECOMMENDATION:

Reviewer	1	2	3		
Highly Recommend	X				
Use with reservations/changes					
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: Has a variety of drills. Requires student to try problem twice before supplying solutions. The program refers the student to the instructor after the third mistake. Printed reports of student progress available through well designed management system.

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MASSACHUSETTS ADULT SOFTWARE SPECIALISTS

SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Multiplying Fractions VERSION: ______

PRODUCER: Microcomputer Workshops COST: $24.95 ea $90.00 series BACK-UP DISK? Yes

REQUIREMENTS: Apple TYPICAL RUNTIME: 20 min/session

APPROPRIATE USES: ____ ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8); ____ GED (9-12); ____ ESL; ____ PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Math

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice, Tutorial

DESCRIPTION: Drill and practice in multiplying fractions.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	4				
Content Characteristics	4				
Technical Characteristics	4				

RECOMMENDATION:

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Highly Recommend	X				
Use with reservations/changes					
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: Immediate and useful feedback provided upon user error. Errors are classified as to computational or misuse of rule.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: The Pond VERSION: 1209BC

PRODUCER: Sunburst COST: $55.00 BACK-UP DISK? Yes

REQUIREMENTS: Apple, Atari, TRS-80 Commodore, IBM, TYPICAL RUNTIME: 10 - 40 minutes

APPROPRIATE USES: X ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);

X GED (9-12); ___ ESL; X PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Problem Solving/Pattern Recognition

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Game

DESCRIPTION: A game that uses observation of screen movements to develop pattern recognition ability.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 2 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Reviewer

	1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	3	4			
Content Characteristics	3	4			
Technical Characteristics	4	4			

RECOMMENDATION:

Reviewer

	1	2	3		
Highly Recommend	X	X			
Use with reservations/changes					
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: Makes excellent use of graphics and non-verbal communications while teaching elements of problem solving. The difficulty level is adjustable to various ability levels. Motivational format.

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MASSACHUSETTS ADULT SOFTWARE SPECIALISTS

SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Sem Calc VERSION:

PRODUCER: Sunburst COST: $95.00 BACK-UP DISK? Yes

REQUIREMENTS: Acorn, Apple II, Atari, TRS-80 TYPICAL RUNTIME:

APPROPRIATE USES: X ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);

X GED (9-12); ESL; PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Math/Basic Skill Remediation

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Tool, Program

DESCRIPTION: Problem solving using a built in calculator.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 4 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

	Reviewer 1	2	3	4	
Instructional Characteritics	4	2	2	4	
Content Characteristics	4	2	2	4	
Technical Characteristic	4	1	1	4	

RECOMMENDATION:

	Reviewer 1	2	3	4	
Highly Recommend	X			X	
Use with reservations/changes					
Not recommended for adults		X	X		

COMMENTS: Comprehensive docuentation must be utilized for program operation. A powerful & versatile tool for teaching problem-solving strategies. Teacher supplies problems to be solved by studets. Students must learn to utilize the program before dealing with applications.

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MASSACHUSETTS ADULT SOFTWARE SPECIALISTS

SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Subtracting Mixed Fractions VERSION: ______

PRODUCER: Microcomputer Workshops COST: $24.95 each 90.00 series BACK-UP DISK? Yes

REQUIREMENTS: Apple TYPICAL RUNTIME: 20 min/session

APPROPRIATE USES: ____ ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);

____ GED (9-12); ____ ESL; ____ PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Math

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice, Tutorial

DESCRIPTION: Series of problems that drill students in the subtraction of mixed fractions.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	4				
Content Characteristics	4				
Technical Characteristics	4				

RECOMMENDATION:

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Highly Recommend	X				
Use with reservations/changes					
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: Errors are immediately flagged and explained. At the end of each problem, errors are classified as: incorrect use of rule, computation, or least common denominator.

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MASSACHUSETTS ADULT SOFTWARE SPECIALISTS

SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Survival Math VERSION:

PRODUCER: Aquarious People Materials, Inc. COST: $29.95 BACK-UP DISK? $10

REQUIREMENTS: Apple II TYPICAL RUNTIME: 15 min/session

APPROPRIATE USES: ___ ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);
___ GED (9-12); ___ ESL; ___ PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Mathematics/Daily Living

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice, Tutorial

DESCRIPTION: Problem solving for every day encounters with checkbooks, purchasing, fractions, decimals, and percents.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	2				
Content Characteristics	2				
Technical Characteristics	2				

RECOMMENDATION:

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Highly Recommend					
Use with reservations/changes					
Not recommended for adults	X				

COMMENTS: Presentation includes only one set of problems with no randomization apparent.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Teasers by Tobbs VERSION:

PRODUCER: Sunburst COST: $55.00 BACK-UP DISK? Yes

REQUIREMENTS: Acorn, Apple II, Atari, Commodore, IBM-PC, TRS-80 TYPICAL RUNTIME:

APPROPRIATE USES: X ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);

X GED (9-12); X ESL; X PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Mathematics/Addition & Multiplication

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice, Game

DESCRIPTION: Addition and multiplicaiton problems involving multistep variations, missing addends, missing factors.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 3 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	2	4	4		
Content Characteristics	4	4	4		
Technical Characteristics	4	4	4		

RECOMMENDATION:

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Highly Recommend	X	X	X		
Use with reservations/changes					
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: Six levels of problem types ranging from simple addition and multiplication to challenging multistep variations. Format develops an understanding of the relationships between addition and subtraction, and between multiplication & division.

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MASSACHUSETTS ADULT SOFTWARE SPECIALISTS

SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Comprehension Power VERSION: ___

PRODUCER: Milliken COST: $150.00/leve/4 disks 40.00/disk BACK-UP DISK? $75/4

REQUIREMENTS: Apple II+.IIe TYPICAL RUNTIME: 15 minutes

APPROPRIATE USES: ___ ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);

X GED (9-12); ___ ESL; ___ PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Reading/Basic Skill Remediation

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice

DESCRIPTION: Skill building program for students at reading levels four through twelve.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	4				
Content Characteristics	4				
Technical Characteristics	3				

RECOMMENDATION:

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Highly Recommend	X				
Use with reservations/changes					
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: An excellent program for controlled reading. Would be appropriate for for use with Special Education students.

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MASSACHUSETTS ADULT SOFTWARE SPECIALISTS

SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Cloze Plus Program VERSION: ____

PRODUCER: Milliken COST: $425.00 BACK-UP DISK? $210

REQUIREMENTS: Apple TYPICAL RUNTIME: As needed

APPROPRIATE USES: X ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);
X GED (9-12); X ESL; ____ PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Reading

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice

DESCRIPTION: Program develops comprehension and vocabulary skills.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 4 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Reviewer	1	2	3	4	
Instructional Characteristics	4	4	2	4	
Content Characteristics	4	4	3	4	
Technical Characteristics	3	4	3	4	

RECOMMENDATION:

Reviewer	1	2	3	4	
Highly Recommend	X	X		X	
Use with reservations/changes			X		
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: The ability of users to ask for clues is one of the positive features of the program. The graphics are not really needed and may detract from the program. Content is generally interesting and adult appropriate.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: The Iron Horse VERSION: ____

PRODUCER: Pomfret House COST: ____ BACK-UP DISK? ____

REQUIREMENTS: Apple IIe TYPICAL RUNTIME: ____

APPROPRIATE USES: ____ ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);

____ GED (9-12); ____ ESL; ____ PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Reading/Skill/Knowledge Development

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Tutorial

DESCRIPTION: Program gives the student a passage to read and then the student answers questions.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	4				
Content Characteristics	4				
Technical Characteristics	4				

RECOMMENDATION:

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Highly Recommend	X				
Use with reservations/changes					
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: Program is designed for students who are at least on a fifth grade reading level. Vocabulary reinforcement is an added feature of the program.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Missing Links VERSION: English Editor

PRODUCER: Sunburst COST: $55.00 BACK-UP DISK? Yes

REQUIREMENTS: Acorn, Apple II, Atari, Commodore, IBM-PC, TRS-80 TYPICAL RUNTIME: 5 - 20 minutes

APPROPRIATE USES: ___ ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);

X GED (9-12); X ESL; X PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Reading/Spelling/Skill & Knowledge Development

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Skill Program

DESCRIPTION: Students fill in the missing letters or words to passages (provided by the teacher) of varying degrees of difficulty.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 3 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	3	4	3		
Content Characteristics	4	4	3		
Technical Characteristics	2	4	3		

RECOMMENDATION:

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Highly Recommend		X	X		
Use with reservations/changes	X				
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: Cloze technique employed for improving reading comprehension, vocabulary, & spelling. The many levels of difficulty available & the ability of the teacher to provide reading passages enable precise cusomization to user. Very appropriate for ESL.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Missing Links VERSION: Young People's Literature

PRODUCER: Sunburst COST: $55.00 BACK-UP DISK? Yes

REQUIREMENTS: Acorn, Apple II, Atari, Commodore, IBM-PC, TRS-80 TYPICAL RUNTIME: 5 - 20 minutes

APPROPRIATE USES: ____ ABE (0-4); x PRE-GED (5-8);

x GED (9-12); x ESL; ____ PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Reading/Spelling/Skill & Knowledge Development

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice

DESCRIPTION: Program is paragraph form with students filling in the blanks with vowels, consonants, or words. May be used as a game.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 2 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Reviewer	1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	3	4			
Content Characteristics	4	4			
Technical Characteristics	4	4			

RECOMMENDATION:

Reviewer	1	2	3		
Highly Recommend		X			
Use with reservations/changes	X				
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: Motivational program to be used as practice for spelling, context clues, and parts of speech. Readings in this session are not all adult-appropriate. See English Editor version.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Programming Phonics: Series K - 3 Beginning Consonants VERSION: ____

PRODUCER: Intellectual Software COST: ____ BACK-UP DISK? ____

REQUIREMENTS: Apple II/IIe TYPICAL RUNTIME: 10 - 15 minutes

APPROPRIATE USES: X ABE (0-4); ____ PRE-GED (5-8);

____ GED (9-12); ____ ESL; ____ PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Reading/Basic Skill Remediation

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/practice

DESCRIPTION: Program introduces readers to consonants.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	4				
Content Characteristics	3				
Technical Characteristics	3				

RECOMMENDATION:

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Highly Recommend	X				
Use with reservations/changes					
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: Improves ability to recognize consonant sounds by requiring the user to relate a variety of pictures to word choices.

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MASSACHUSETTS ADULT SOFTWARE SPECIALISTS

SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Reading and Thinking VERSION: 1982

PRODUCER: Queue, Inc. COST: $79.95 BACK-UP DISK? No

REQUIREMENTS: Apple, IBM-PC TYPICAL RUNTIME: 10-15 min/session 1 hr/total program

APPROPRIATE USES: X ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);
___ GED (9-12); ___ ESL; ___ PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Reading/Basic Skill Remediation

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice, Tutorial

DESCRIPTION: Requires students to deal with inferential thinking to answer the questions.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 2 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Reviewer	1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	4	3			
Content Characteristics	3	3			
Technical Characteristics	3	3			

RECOMMENDATION:

Reviewer	1	2	3		
Highly Recommend	X	X			
Use with reservations/changes					
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: A program appropriate for beginning readers. The correct answers are explained through clues from the text. Reproducable worksheets available.

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MASSACHUSETTS ADULT SOFTWARE SPECIALISTS

SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Speed Reader II VERSION: ______

PRODUCER: Davidson & Associates COST: $69.95 BACK-UP DISK? $10

REQUIREMENTS: Apple II+/IIe TYPICAL RUNTIME: 15 min/lesson

APPROPRIATE USES: X ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);

X GED (9-12); ___ ESL; ___ PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Reading/Basic Skill Remediation

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill

DESCRIPTION: A six-part reading program that uses either built-in content or teacher supplied content.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Reviewer	1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	4				
Content Characteristics	3				
Technical Characteristics	4				

RECOMMENDATION:

Reviewer	1	2	3		
Highly Recommend	X				
Use with reservations/changes					
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: The program allows the student a choice of reading rate and gives timed reading test. Teacher can modify content to be appropriate for both ABE and GED students.

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Reading

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Tutorial Comprehension VERSION: ______

PRODUCER: Random House COST: $995.00 complete 79.95/level BACK-UP DISK? $10/disk

REQUIREMENTS: Apple II, TRS-80 TYPICAL RUNTIME: ______

APPROPRIATE USES: X ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);
X GED (9-12); ___ ESL; ___ PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Reading

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice, Tutorial

DESCRIPTION: A series of menu-driven programs to improve reading skills in main idea, detail, inference, and sequence.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 4 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Reviewer

	1	2	3	4	
Instructional Characteristics	4	4	3	2	
Content Characteristics	4	3	3	2	
Technical Characteristics	3	3	2	4	

RECOMMENDATION:

Reviewer

	1	2	3	4	
Highly Recommend	X	X	X		
Use with reservations/changes					
Not recommended for adults				X	

COMMENTS: Graphics enhance the program. Documentation must be carefully read before operating the programs. Content not always appropriate for adult learners.

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MASSACHUSETTS ADULT SOFTWARE SPECIALISTS

SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Vowels VERSION:

PRODUCER: Hartley COST: $93.95 BACK-UP DISK? Yes

REQUIREMENTS: Apple IIe, Franklin 1000 Cassette Recorder TYPICAL RUNTIME: 10-20min/lesson 53 lessons

APPROPRIATE USES: X ABE (0-4); ___ PRE-GED (5-8);

___ GED (9-12); ___ ESL; ___ PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Reading/Basic Skill Remediation

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice

DESCRIPTION: Audio component from cassette recorder is synchronized with the monitor. Directions are given to student auditorially.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Reviewer

	1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	4				
Content Characteristics	4				
Technical Characteristics	4				

RECOMMENDATION:

Reviewer

	1	2	3		
Highly Recommend	X				
Use with reservations/changes					
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: An excellent way to teach phonics and spelling to beginning readers. It is time consuming for teachers to make their own tapes. Program might be enhanced if students had a chance to review errors after each section.

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Reading

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Word Attack VERSION: ______

PRODUCER: Davidson & Assoc. COST: $49.95 BACK-UP DISK? $10

REQUIREMENTS: Apple, IBM, Commodore TYPICAL RUNTIME: 10 - 15 minutes

APPROPRIATE USES: ____ ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);

X GED (9-12); X ESL; ____ PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Reading/Vocabulary, Skill & Knowledge Development

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill, Tutorial

DESCRIPTION: A versatile program that utilizes either built-in content or teacher supplied content.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 3 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	4	4	4		
Content Characteristics	4	4	4		
Technical Characteristics	4	4	4		

RECOMMENDATION:

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Highly Recommend	X	X	X		
Use with reservations/changes					
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: A flexible program for building vocabulary and word attack skills, especially appropriate for ESL. Motivational with proper feedback for adult learners. Nine levels make the program useful for a wide range of abilities.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Systems of the Human Body VERSION: ____

PRODUCER: Little Shaver Ed. Software Company COST: $ 29.95 ea $150.00 series BACK-UP DISK? No

REQUIREMENTS: Apple TYPICAL RUNTIME: 30 - 40 minutes

APPROPRIATE USES: ____ ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);

X GED (9-12); ____ ESL; ____ PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Science/Biology, Skill/ Knowledge Development

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Tutorial/Simulation

DESCRIPTION: Each section of program has: 1) vocabulary/definitions, 2) fill in blanks, 3) passages and simulations, 4) test.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 2 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Reviewer	1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	4	3			
Content Characteristics	3	3			
Technical Characteristics	4	3			

RECOMMENDATION:

Reviewer	1	2	3		
Highly Recommend	X	X			
Use with reservations/changes					
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: A useful supplement to science text materials. Review available as needed. The test displays the number of correct answers. User can easily return to menu at any time.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Meet the Presidents VERSION: ______

PRODUCER: Versa Computing, Inc. COST: $39.95 BACK-UP DISK? ______

REQUIREMENTS: Apple II TYPICAL RUNTIME: ______

APPROPRIATE USES: ____ ABE (0-4); ____ PRE-GED (5-8);

X GED (9-12); ____ ESL; ____ PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Social Studies/U.S. Presidents

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice, Game

DESCRIPTION: A slide show is available to run before the students begin the program.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	4				
Content Characteristics	4				
Technical Characteristics	4				

RECOMMENDATION:

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Highly Recommend	X				
Use with reservations/changes					
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: It would be helpful to run the slide show first. The students should make a list of the presidents to use as a reference tool when running the program and playing the game.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: President Elect VERSION: _____

PRODUCER: Strategies simulations, Inc. COST: $45.00 BACK-UP DISK? _____

REQUIREMENTS: Apple II TYPICAL RUNTIME: 30 minutes

APPROPRIATE USES: ___ ABE (0-4); ___ PRE-GED (5-8);

X GED (9-12); ___ ESL; ___ PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Social Studies/history/Enrichment

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Simulation

DESCRIPTION: Strategy simulation of presidential election.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 2 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Reviewer	1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	3	3			
Content Characteristics	3	4			
Technical Characteristics	4	3			

RECOMMENDATION:

Reviewer	1	2	3		
Highly Recommend					
Use with reservations/changes	X	X			
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: The program is appropriate for upper level readers. Program assumes some background knowledge on the part of the student.

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MASSACHUSETTS ADULT SOFTWARE SPECIALISTS

Social Studies

SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: U.S. Constitution Tutor VERSION: ____

PRODUCER: Microlab Learning Co. COST: $39.00 BACK-UP DISK? ____

REQUIREMENTS: Apple II TYPICAL RUNTIME: 15 - 20 minutes

APPROPRIATE USES: ____ ABE (0-4); ____ PRE-GED (5-8);

X GED (9-12); X ESL; ____ PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Social Studies/Skill/Knowledge Dev.

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Tutorial

DESCRIPTION: Familiarizes student with the United States Constitution.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Reviewer	1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	4				
Content Characteristics	4				
Technical Characteristics	3				

RECOMMENDATION:

Reviewer	1	2	3		
Highly Recommend	X				
Use with reservations/changes					
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: Program is very useful in classes for Advanced Citizenship Preparation.

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MASSACHUSETTS ADULT SOFTWARE SPECIALISTS

SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Dasher VERSION: ____

PRODUCER: Conduit COST: $150.00 BACK-UP DISK? Yes

REQUIREMENTS: Apple II+, IIe TYPICAL RUNTIME: ____

APPROPRIATE USES: X ABE (0-4); ____ PRE-GED (5-8);

____ GED (9-12); X ESL; ____ PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Utilities, LaNGUAGE Arts

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice, Tool

DESCRIPTION: 4 Diskettes (English, Spanish, French, German) with special characters for each language. Authoring program for creating dirll & practice exercises.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	4				
Content Characteristics	4				
Technical Characteristics	4				

RECOMMENDATION:

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Highly Recommend	X				
Use with reservations/changes					
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: Program allows teacher to readily create content appropriate for adult learners. Its' biggest strength is a unique error-checking system which checks responses letter-by-letter, forcing user to retype misspelled letters. Very useful for grammar practice for foreign language study.

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Utilities

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Mastertype VERSION: _____

PRODUCER: Scarborough Systems COST: $39.95 BACK-UP DISK? _____

REQUIREMENTS: Atari, Comm., IBM-PC/XT/PC JR Apple II, II+, IIe TYPICAL RUNTIME: 20 - 45 minutes

APPROPRIATE USES: ____ ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);
X GED (9-12); ____ ESL; X PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Typing/Keyboard Instruction/Skill Development

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Tutorial, Simulation

DESCRIPTION: Typing drills, finger postioning exercises and sentence practice. Variety of levels.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 3 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	2.5	4	4		
Content Characteristics	3	4	4		
Technical Characteristics	3	3	3		

RECOMMENDATION:

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Highly Recommend		X	X		
Use with reservations/changes	X				
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: It is important to use instructional booklet first, but the program does not require an instructor. It allows students to advance at an individual pace.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Readability Formula VERSION: ____

PRODUCER: Britannica COST: $49.00 BACK-UP DISK? $10

REQUIREMENTS: Apple IIe, IIc, II+ TYPICAL RUNTIME: 10 min/session 30 minutes total

APPROPRIATE USES: X ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);

X GED (9-12); X ESL; X PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Utilities/Reading

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Tool

DESCRIPTION: Seven different tests may be applied simultaneously to determine the reading level of a passage.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics					
Content Characteristics	4				
Technical Characteristics	4				

RECOMMENDATION:

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Highly Recommend	X				
Use with reservations/changes					
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: An excellent tool for computing the reading level of a selection. The manual is needed for initial use of program.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Scripsit VERSION: ____

PRODUCER: Radio Shack COST: $300.00 BACK-UP DISK? ____

REQUIREMENTS: TRS-80 TYPICAL RUNTIME: ____

APPROPRIATE USES: X ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);
X GED (9-12); X ESL; X PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Word Processing/Skill/Knowledge Dev.

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Tool

DESCRIPTION: Word Processing package with many advanced features.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	4				
Content Characteristics	4				
Technical Characteristics	3				

RECOMMENDATION:

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Highly Recommend	X				
Use with reservations/changes					
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: Procedures for basic editing are relatively straight forward. For the more advanced features, such as merging, a second disk drive is required. Dictionary can be purchased separately & requires a second disk drive.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Teacher Utilities: Vol. 1 Review & Review Load VERSION: 4.2

PRODUCER: MECC COST: ______ BACK-UP DISK? ______

REQUIREMENTS: Apple IIe TYPICAL RUNTIME: 15 minutes

APPROPRIATE USES: X ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8); X GED (9-12); X ESL; X PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Utilities

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice

DESCRIPTION: Teacher created drill and practice review tests that are presented in random order.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	3				
Content Characteristics	3				
Technical Characteristics	3				

RECOMMENDATION:

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Highly Recommend	X				
Use with reservations/changes					
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: The program allows teacher a relatively easy format for writing practice and drill questions. Feedback is simple and immediate.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Teaching Tools: Spelling Package VERSION:

PRODUCER: Teaching Tools: Microcomputer COST: $100.00 BACK-UP DISK? Yes

REQUIREMENTS: Apple II/IIe; Cassette Recorder w/remote jack TYPICAL RUNTIME: Variable

APPROPRIATE USES: X ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8); X GED (9-12); X ESL; X PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Spelling/Phonics

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice, Tutorial

DESCRIPTION: Student hears word on tape recorder and types answer. Highlighted corrections and hints are provided for students.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	4				
Content Characteristics	N/A				
Technical Characteristics	2				

RECOMMENDATION:

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Highly Recommend	X				
Use with reservations/changes					
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: Feedback is pleasant, but student might benefit from additional graphics. It is easy to enter spelling words and match them with verbal entry. Some teacher assistance is required.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Visicalc VERSION:

PRODUCER: Scholastic COST: $89.95 BACK-UP DISK? Yes

REQUIREMENTS: Apple, IBM-PC, TRS-80, Commodroe 64 TYPICAL RUNTIME:

APPROPRIATE USES: x ABE (0-4); x PRE-GED (5-8);
x GED (9-12); x ESL; x PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Math/Business

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Tool

DESCRIPTION: A spreadsheet accompanied by a written tutorial.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics	4				
Content Characteristics	4				
Technical Characteristics	3				

RECOMMENDATION:

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Highly Recommend	X				
Use with reservations/changes					
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: Visicalc is a powerful spreadsheet program. It is useful for administrative applications such as budgeting. With a high degree of preparation it could be used as a problem-solving tool for GED teachers.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Worksheet Wizard VERSION: ____

PRODUCER: Learning Arts COST: $34.95 BACK-UP DISK? ____

REQUIREMENTS: Apple TYPICAL RUNTIME: ____

APPROPRIATE USES: X ABE (0-4); ____ PRE-GED (5-8);

____ GED (9-12); ____ ESL; ____ PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Math

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice, Tool

DESCRIPTION: Creates random worksheets for drill in addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Instructional Characteristics					
Content Characteristics					
Technical Characteristics	4				

RECOMMENDATION:

	Reviewer 1	2	3		
Highly Recommend	X				
Use with reservations/changes					
Not recommended for adults					

COMMENTS: Helps the student do skill work in a particular area of weakness. For division the answers are listed with remainders and fractions and decimals.

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SOFTWARE ESPECIALLY USEFUL FOR ADULT ED APPLICATIONS AND IDENTIFIED BY ADULT EDUCATORS

Title	Publisher	Description
COMPUTER LITERACY		
COMPUTER CONCEPTS	Continuous Learning	Computer Literacy
ESL		
ESSENTIAL IDIOMS	Regents ALA	Idioms
GRAMMAR MASTERY	Regents ALA	Language Arts
SPELL IT!	Davidson	Tool for teaching spelling
WORD ALERT	Regents ALA	Vocabulary
LANGUAGE ARTS		
ANALOGIES	Hartley	Analogies
BASIC ENGLISH SKILLS	Britannica	Grammar, Sentence Structure
BANK STREET WRITER	Scholastic	Word, Processing, Composition
CAPITALIZATION	Hartley	Capitalization, Writing Skills
CLOZE PLUS	Milliken	Language, Reading
COMPREHENSION POWER	Milliken	Reading Comprehension
CONTEXT CLUES	Educational Acitivities	Reading
CORE READING	Educational Acitivities	Reading
FACT OR OPINION	Hartley	Reading
GAPPER	HRM	Reading, Context Clues, Vocabulary
GRAMMAR MASTERY	Regents	Grammar
MASTER SPELL	MECC	Spelling Utility
MISSING LINKS	Sunburst	Reading, Context Clues, Vocabulary, Spelling
MISSING LINKS/ ENGLISH EDITOR	Sunburst	Shell Version of Missing Links
PUNCTUATION SKILLS	Milton Bradley	Instruction, practice, mastery of Punctuation Skills
READING & THINKING	Queue	Reading, Basic Skill Remediation
SENTENCE COMBINING	Milliken	Writing
SPELLING VOL. 1 & 2	MECC	Drill & Practice, immediate reinforcement
STORY TREE	Scholastic	Writing Tool
WORD ATTACK	Davidson	Vocabulary
WORD QUEST	Sunburst	Alphabetization
WRITING WIZARD	Scarborough	Word Processor, Writing Skills

LIFE SKILLS

DAILY LIVING SKILLS	Britannica	Part of a series BANKING & CREDIT addressing subject of coping
PLATO LIFE COPING SKILLS	Control Data	Human Relations

MATH

ARITHMETIC CLASSROOM	Sterling Swift	Division & Multiplication
ELEMENTARY MATH VOL.3	MECC	Geometry
BASIC MATH COMPETENCY	Educational Activities	Basic Math Skills
FRACTIONS	Q.E.D.	Concepts & Operations with Fractions
LEMONADE	MECC	Simple economics, estimation
MONEY! MONEY!	Hartley	Recognition & Use of Cash
MATH SEQUENCES	Milliken	Arithmetic, Fractions
SEMCALC	Sunburst	Basic Skills, Problem Solving
THE POND	Sunburst	Sequences, Patterns, Logic
TEASERS BY TOBBS	Sunburst	Basic Operations, multi-step problems
THE FACTORY	Sunburst	Problem Solving

SCIENCE

SYSTEMS OF THE HUMAN BODY	Little Shaver Educational Software	Biology

SOCIAL STUDIES

PRESIDENT ELECT	Strategic Simulations	Simulates Presidential Election

TOOLS

CROSSWORD MAGIC	Mindscape	Create customized crossword puzzles
LESSON CREATE	Hartley	Utility for writing lessons, drill sequences, tests or tutorials
MATH SHEET	Houghton-Mifflin	Worksheet Generator
TEACHER UTILITIES VOL.1	MECC	Question generator

ADDITIONAL REVIEW RESOURCES FOR ADULT EDUCATION SOFTWARE PRODUCTS

The Digest of Software Review: Education
301 West Mesa, Fresno, CA 93704

Purpose: The Digest of Software Reviews publishes a collection of evaluative reports on a wide variety of educational software products. Not reporting their own views or opinions, the Digest instead provides a collection of reviews from numerous publications, organizations, and other evaluation resources organized by product, subject area, and student ability level.

Educational Products Information Exchange (EPIE)
Box 620, Story Brook, NY 11790

Purpose: EPIE is a non-profit consumer-supported agency that gathers and disseminates descriptive and analytical information on performance and effects on learners, about instructional materials, equipment, and systems.

MicroSIFT, Northeast Regional Educational Laboratory, Computer Technology Program, 300 S.W. Sixth Avenue, Portland, OR 94204

Purpose: MicroSIFT is a National Institute of education-sponsored clearinghouses for microcomputer instructional software. It was established to design effective procedures for collection, evaluation, and dissemination of materials and information, and to incorporate a flexible user support and technical assistance component.

Region X Adult Education Software Consortium
Treaty Oak Community College Service District
400 East 4th, The Dalles, OR 97058

Purpose: The Region X Consortium publishes software buyer's guides for adult education products that provides descriptions and prices of well-reveiwed software. Newsletters are also disseminated to members that provide information and reviews on newer products and practices for adult education.